

# Nixon Opposes Insanity Plea

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon asked Congress Thursday to abolish insanity as a defense to federal crimes and to revamp the criminal code completely. The death penalty would be brought back and obscenity laws redefined.

The 880-page Criminal Code Reform Act of 1973, as submitted by the President, would toughen drug laws, provide mandatory imprisonment in some cases and grade offenses into nine categories with maximum sentences and fines.

The existing code dates back to 1790 and the President—in a message last week promising the new legislation—called modification “not merely desirable, but absolutely imperative.” It is the second such bill before this session of Congress. Sen.

John McClellan, D-Ark., also submitted a complete revision. A Justice Department spokesman said “there are differences in every line.” Prolonged debate is certain, primarily over the insanity provisions and the death penalty. The issue of the defendant's mental state would arise during a trial only if the prosecution were unable to establish he had criminal intent.

The President called codification of the insanity defense “the most significant feature” of the part establishing general provisions and principles of the code because “the standard has become so vague in some instances that it has led to unconscionable abuse by defendants.” Should the issue of insanity be raised at a trial, after prior notice to the court, a jury could find a defendant not guilty by reason of insanity. But in such cases—even though the defendant has been acquitted—the judge could order commitment to a mental institution.

The death penalty would be mandatory if there were aggravating factors in such “class A” felonies as treason, sabotage, espionage and murder. Such aggravating factors would be a prior conviction of the same crime, endangering national security, or putting another person to a grave risk of death. The death penalty also would apply to assassination of a President or his successor, a foreign head of state, a law enforcement or prison official.

Any mitigating circumstances would bar a federal judge from imposing the death penalty. These would include a defendant under 18 or one whose capacity was significantly impaired. Drug traffickers would be hit hard. Possession of more than four ounces of heroin would carry a maximum sentence of 30 years and a \$100,000 fine. A repeater could get life in prison.

The administration's legislation would ban obscene material unless it constituted “a minor portion of the whole product . . . reasonably necessary and appropriate . . . to fulfill an artistic, scientific or literary purpose.” Maximum sentence and fine would be three years and \$25,000.

# Jury Finds Carr, Osorio Innocent

DALLAS (AP)—A federal jury, which had heard 13½ days of arguments and testimony in the case, Thursday found former Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr and former State Insurance Commissioner John Osorio innocent of all 12 counts of mail and wire fraud.

The case grew out of the Sharpstown bank and stock scandals which erupted in 1971. Immediately after the four-man, eight-woman jury returned its verdict, Carr's wife embraced him and the three government lawyers arose as one man and made a quick exit from the courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge William M. Taylor Jr.

Osorio rushed to a telephone to call his daughter, Pat Nickles. There was general jubilation in the corridors with spectators rushing up to congratulate the defendants and the defense lawyers. They then crowded into elevators and met news and television cameras in the lower lobby and corridors.

Carr said he hoped that the people of Texas remembered that “I was not just innocent today, but have been innocent all the time.”

The dapper former attorney general paid his respects to what he called “a very fair federal judge and jury for a fair trial in which I was given every opportunity to present my defense.”

Reminded that he had once said “life has been hell” since the charges were filed, Carr admitted that some people might still see him under a cloud.

Both Carr and Osorio still face nine indictments along with several other persons in cases growing out of the stock fraud scandals. They are in connection with alleged violations of the Securities and Exchange Commission's regulations and for allegedly making false statements or reports.

No trial date has been set on the remaining indictments. Osorio said he was “very pleased” and profusely thanked “those friends who stayed by me.” “We told it like it was,” Osorio said. Osorio was asked about the controversial portion of a defense

motion for acquittal, which had been produced at mid-trial.

Since the motion was filed, Judge Taylor maintained a news blackout regarding a section which charged there had been “politically motivated selected prosecution” of certain individuals in the stock fraud scandals. This section was never read in court.

Osorio declined comment, because a further trial involving him and Carr is pending.

The case went to the jury halfway through the 14th day of the trial.

Judge Taylor stressed that the jurors should not “speculate on the disposition of the case against Joe Novotny.”

## Pressure

(Continued from page 1) Click click click click click. A late comer. “Where have you been?”

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