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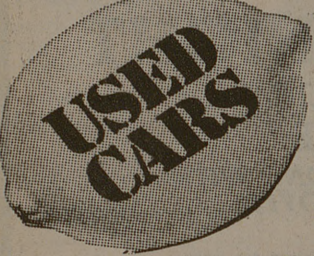
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Federal judge orders TDC reforms

United Press International HOUSTON — A federal judge, curtly rejecting the Texas attorney general's request for delay, Monday issued a sweeping final order in the 9-year-old Texas prison reform case requiring the nation's largest prison system to double its ratio of guards to inmates and to give many prisoners separate cells.

U.S. District Judge William

Wayne Justice of Tyler, Texas, who in an emotional 248-page opinion last December found the Texas Department of Corrections guilty of massive violations of inmate rights, specifically ordered TDC:

— to reorganize its 17 prisons into administrative units of no more than 500 inmates each; — to build no new prisons more than 50 miles from cities of at least 200,000 without proof of an area work force sufficient to supply one guard for every six inmates;

— to expand inmate parole, early release and furlough programs to the maximum allowed by state law, immediately reducing TDC's population of 30,000 inmates;

— to change disciplinary proceedings to protect inmate rights, give inmates full access to the courts, and comply with all state fire, safety and health codes.

Justice, who already had approved a partial decree in which the state agreed to improve health care and make other changes, completed his orders to the state with Monday's 26-page final decree. He also appointed a special master, Toledo, Ohio, lawyer Vincent M. Nathan, to work out the details and make sure the state

complies. Justice ordered the state to deposit \$150,000 with the court to cover Nathan's costs and his \$95-an-hour fee.

Attorney General Mark White blasted Justice's order as an unwarranted expansion of constitutional requirements that would cost Texans "billions" of dollars. He said he will file an emergency appeal with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

"We're not required by the constitution to build hotels for prisoners," White told reporters. "You're talking about several billions of dollars, maybe three or four billion dollars just for prison construction. The court didn't appropriate any money today."

Justice set a Nov. 1, 1983 deadline for the state to reduce its overall inmate population to the number of cells plus the number of inmates who can be housed in dormitories allowing 60-square-foot of space per inmate. By Aug. 1, 1983, Justice ordered, every inmate kept in a cell must have his or her own separate cell. TDC currently keeps many inmates three and four to a cell.

Justice also ordered the state to hire enough guards to increase its guard-to-inmate ratio from the current one guard per 11 inmates to one guard per five inmates. The judge also forbade the use of inmate enforcers to keep order, a practice the state never admitted but which Justice said was proved in court.

It was not immediately clear what effect Justice's order would have on TDC's plans for a new prison near Navasota in Grimes

County, more than 50 miles from the nearest large city, Houston. Nathan presumably will consider whether that plan complies with the order.

White appeared personally before Justice Monday to appeal for a 30-day delay in issuing his final decree. White said Reagan administration officials in the Department of Justice had agreed to reopen negotiations for settlement of unresolved issues in the case.

White said: "I would ask the court to permit this additional time with the view that although there may not be any additional compromise, the effort should be made. I would urge the court to accept this in the attitude in which it's made, that is with good faith effort to reach some agreement."

Attorney William B. Turner of San Francisco, representing plaintiff inmates in the case, objected strenuously. "I want to express as seriously as I can our opposition to any further delay in this case," Turner said. "I represent 30,000 extremely patient clients who have been living, the court has found, in cruel and unusual conditions."

Turner said he doubted further negotiations would result in meaningful agreement and said, in any case, negotiations would continue pending the state's inevitable appeal.

The judge agreed with Turner. "Negotiations can go on during the entire course of an appeal," Justice said. "I don't see any reason why negotiations should stop."

Turner told reporters the order "is going to cost the state some money, but that's what it takes to have a constitutional system." Turner said a change in penal philosophies reducing prison populations would in the end save taxpayers money.

Clements wants quick case appeal

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements said the state should appeal a federal judge's decision requiring Texas to provide separate cells for each of its prison inmates by 1983.

Clements, who is in Washington for a meeting Tuesday with U.S. Department of Justice officials concerning the prison suit, issued the statement through his Capitol office after Judge William Wayne Justice refused the state's request for a 30-day delay.

"I am, of course, disappointed that Judge Justice denied the state's request to delay his final decree in the Ruiz case for 30 days," Clements said. "I had hoped for more consideration by the court of our good faith efforts to reopen settlement negotiations with the U.S. Justice Department. The judge ignored our attempt to reach a reasonable compromise, but I suppose that should come as a surprise."

"We need to appeal this case with all haste," Clements said.

Clements said he will meet with U.S. Attorney General William French Smith at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the prison case. Justice refused the state's request for a 30-day delay.

"I remain convinced that our Department of Corrections is one of the finest in the country, and I am confident that we will prevail in the higher courts."

Both Clements and the Board of Corrections have suggested Attorney General Mark White hire outside counsel to assist in the appeal of the case, but White has refused that request and accused the governor of attempting to interfere with operations of his office.

Another victim dies from grain explosion

United Press International CORPUS CHRISTI — The powerful series of explosions that ripped through a grain elevator

April 7 killed another worker Sunday, bringing the death toll to eight.

Elevator employee Jose Hernandez, 42, died late Sunday in Memorial Medical Center's burn ward where he was taken after the explosion at the Corpus Christi Public Elevator, suffering from face, chest and leg burns.

Three other victims remained hospitalized in critical condition, including one in intensive care. At least 32 people were injured in the explosion at the elevator, one of the cleanest in the country.

A hospital spokesman said it was common for the condition of burn victims to worsen after 10 to 12 days.

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