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Deadline set for prison reforms

HOUSTON — The federal judge, who last December found the nation's largest prison system guilty of massive violations of inmate rights, now has set deadlines for reduced overcrowding and said Texas must stop taking inmates if the deadlines are not met.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice ended the trial stage of the 9-year-old Texas prison reform case Monday with a sweeping final decree, refusing Texas Attorney General Mark White's request for more time to negotiate with lawyers for plaintiff inmates and the intervening U.S. Justice Department.

White, who said the order exceeded constitutional requirements and would cost the state at least \$3 billion, said he planned to appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

However, a Texas Department of Corrections spokesman said the

state might be able to meet the first deadline Nov. 1 even if it loses the first round of appeals.

Justice, who earlier had approved a partial consent decree in which the state agreed to improve inmate medical care and make other changes, Monday ordered TDC to double its guard to inmate ratio, reorganize prisons into smaller administrative units and start reducing overcrowding immediately.

By Aug. 1, 1983, Justice said TDC — which has 30,000 inmates and many inmates housed three and four to a cell — can have no more than one inmate in each cell. He ordered the change accomplished in stages, making maximum use of parole, early release, work furlough and minimum security programs.

By next Nov. 1, the judge said the state must reduce its total population to twice the number of prison cells plus the number of

prisoners who could be housed in dormitories affording each inmate at least 40 square feet of space.

If TDC fails to meet this deadline, "they shall not, until further order of the court, accept any further prisoners for confinement until the population falls below such a figure," Justice's order said.

TDC spokesman Rick Hartley said TDC now has 10,000 cells and 6,000 to 8,000 inmates in dormitories. He said a \$35 million emergency legislative appropriation was financing three temporary units to house 2,750 inmates by November. He said new women's units would clear 1,400 more beds. He said the new beds plus increased furloughs planned makes Justice's deadline feasible.

By Nov. 1, 1982, Justice said TDC must reduce its total population to 1.5 times the number of cells plus the number of inmates that can be housed in dormitories affording 60 square feet of space.

By Nov. 1, 1983, the total population must equal the number of cells plus 60-square-foot dorm spaces.

In addition, Justice ordered TDC to double its guard-to-inmate ratio, from the current one guard for 11 inmates to one for every six by Nov. 1, 1982. He ordered TDC to reorganize its prisons into 500-inmate administrative units. Several TDC units house 2,000 inmates or more.

He forbade construction of new prisons farther than 50 miles from cities of 200,000 without proving the work force will provide enough guards. That order could affect plans for a new prison in Grimes County and one under construction in Anderson County. He ordered changes in discipline and complaint procedures to protect inmate rights and ordered TDC to comply with state safety codes.

Justice appointed a special master, Toledo, Ohio, lawyer M. Nathan, to work out the details and make sure the state complies. Nathan performed similar duties in Ohio and Georgia prison reform cases. Justice ordered the state to deposit \$150,000 with the court to cover Nathan's costs and a \$100-hour fee.

White said Justice had exceeded his authority.

"We're not required by this substitution to build hotels for prisoners," he told reporters. He said the state is talking about several billion dollars, maybe three or four billion dollars just for prison construction. The court has seen reports that the state has some money for the system. It's about time

Reagan in 'no mood to compromise'

Bush dislikes Demo budget plans

DALLAS — Alternatives to President Reagan's budget plans by key Democrats are a poor substitute for the White House proposals, charged Vice President George Bush.

Speaking to students and business leaders, Bush termed the alternative measures proposed by Democratic legislators "poor imitations" of Reagan's plan.

"These substitute programs to reduce spending and taxes may sound like the real thing but the truth is they are only imitations and poor ones at that," Bush said.

In a strong attack on what he termed attempts by Democrats to "water down" Reagan's budget proposals, Bush warned that such attempts would only slow the country's economic recovery.

Bush told a large gathering at Southern Methodist University: "One of the messages I bring here today is that we can't afford to accept these substitutes that would water down or otherwise weaken the cure needed for our country's economic recovery."

"President Reagan's program must not be diluted if it's to bring about the economic recovery the American people need and want, and indeed, that they mandated last November."

Talking to reporters, Bush noted the administration never expected "a smooth sailing" of its budget proposals in Congress but reiterated that despite strong opposition, the administration was in "no mood to compromise."

In answer to a question after his speech, Bush said developing relations with Mexico was one of the administration's "most important" foreign policy goals. Bush had been asked about U.S. military involvement in El Salvador and said the main thrust of U.S. policy in that Central American country was "to check the unimpeded flow of weapons from Socialist countries."

He said whatever "modest sup-

port" the ruling military junta in El Salvador was receiving from the U.S. was aimed at helping El Salvador withstand pressure from Cuban President Fidel Castro and Nicaraguan Sandinista elements from whom he feared the guerilla forces were receiving arms.

However, Bush said, any American help to El Salvador would take into account the sentiments of Mexico which the U.S. viewed as "one of the most important and foremost (of countries) in our foreign policy objectives."

Bush said Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo and President Reagan "get along very well and are good friends" and that the U.S. would only attempt to "trans-

send and not separate" Mexican feelings when considering a kind of help to the junta in El Salvador.

On the issue of Mexican migration, Bush said he supported Texas Gov. Bill Clements' suggestion to get some kind of certification authentication for aliens and the new immigration policy review by the U.S. Attorney General's office would support the suggestion.

Bush said Texas was not the only state burdened by the traffic. He said Florida was another state where the influx Cubans and Haitians had created special problems. He said the immigration policy under review would address these problems.

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Pastor retracts anti-Jewish words

PLANO — Instead of saying God did not hear Jewish prayers or that Jews had "funny" noses, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention was saying something very different — that he would die for the rights of Jews.

Bailey Smith — the Del City, Okla., Baptist preacher who made world-wide headlines with what were considered his anti-Jewish remarks last year — attended a

private Passover ceremony with a Jewish leader and then talked to waiting reporters.

Smith met Mark Briskman, director of the North Texas-Oklahoma Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, at Briskman's home just north of Dallas for the Passover ceremony. After the ceremony, both religious leaders announced plans for inter-faith religious activities designed to bring their faiths to a better understanding.

"We talked with the Catholics for 2,000 years — we can talk with the Baptists for 2,000 years," Briskman said.

Concerning the diversity of the two faiths, Briskman quoted Smith as saying early in their meeting, "I would die for your right to live as a Jew in America."

After the ceremony, Smith said, speaking of himself: "Bailey Smith does indeed want to do everything to promote the Jewish people and the sincerity of their faith."

Controversy has surrounded

Smith since he made statements last year at a conservative political-religious rally in Dallas. He returned to Dallas to offer his new statements.

Last year, Smith said: "It is interesting at great political rallies, how you have a Protestant to pray, a Catholic to pray, and then you have a Jew to pray. With all due respect to those dear people, my friends, God almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

Later, Smith said, "I think they (Jews) got funny looking noses."

Briskman said after the meeting that, "Bailey understands the initial hurt created by his statement and has been open and forthright in making it clear he is sorry for that hurt. He is almost single handedly moving the Southern Baptist Convention to work in greater cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish faith," Briskman said.

Smith announced that the Southern Baptist Convention and the Anti-Defamation League would work in conjunction on Sunday School lesson plans, seminars at seminaries of both faiths and other interfaith cooperative activities.

It was also announced that plans were being discussed for

Smith to lead a joint Baptist-Jewish tour of Israel, possibly early as this fall.

Both Briskman and Smith downplayed theological differences and stressed what the religions had in common.

"Bailey and the Southern Baptist Convention have found a way to begin serving respect each other," Briskman said, "not hurt each other."

Smith added: "It is given to people have different interpretations of the (biblical) canons. I know I believe in the uniqueness of Christ and I have a deep respect for what they believe."

The private service was held at Briskman's home with Smith and his family attending along with Briskman's family. The service evolved from a discussion the men had last December after returning from an Anti-Defamation League meeting in New York which Smith also attended in an attempt to defuse the controversy around his remarks.

An Anti-Defamation League official from New York will go to Smith's Oklahoma church on April 29 to give a greeting to the members and to further the relationship between the two faiths.

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