

Foes of death penalty protest execution

3 Texas cities sites of vigils

United Press International — Several groups and individuals opposed to capital punishment held vigils across Texas Monday night for Charlie Brooks, the country's first inmate to be put to death by lethal injection.

A quiet group of about 100 people stood outside the Texas Capitol in Austin, many with candles and shivering in the cold wind, as a representative of Amnesty International announced Brooks' execution shortly after 12:16 a.m.

"Amnesty International is opposed without reservation to the death penalty everywhere," said representative Michael Skadden, 28, a University of Texas graduate student. "The candles show the hope that this (the execution) won't happen. I'm with A.I., but we're Texans too. When Texas kills, it kills in our name."

Skadden earlier had urged the crowd to stay until Charlie

Prior executions

United Press International — Others to die since the high court lifted its ban on the death penalty in 1976:

— Gary Mark Gilmore, 36, killed by a firing squad Jan. 17, 1977, at Point of the Mountain, Utah, was convicted of murdering a Provo, Utah, motel clerk. He refused to appeal the conviction and twice attempted suicide.

— Jesse Walter Bishop, 46, was executed Oct. 22, 1979, in the gas chamber in Carson City, Nev., for killing a Baltimore man in Las Vegas.

— John Spenkelink, 30, died May 25, 1979, in the electric chair at Starke, Fla., for murdering a male traveling companion in 1973.

— Steven T. Judy, 24, was electrocuted March 9, 1981, at Indiana State Prison for the rape and murder of a young mother and the drowning of her three children.

— Frank Coppola, 38, a former Portsmouth, Va., policeman, was electrocuted Aug. 10, 1982, at Virginia State Penitentiary in Richmond for the 1978 murder of a Newport woman. The Supreme Court, in a 5-2 vote, overturned a lower court's stay of execution.

Brooks' family mad about limited visits

United Press International — Family members were bitter about the way the Texas Department of Corrections restricted their visiting privileges with Charlie Brooks, the man put to death early Tuesday and the first man executed in the United States by lethal injection.

Brooks' ex-wife, Joyce Brooks, and her two sons, Derrick, 21, and Adrian, 20, were not allowed to visit Brooks Monday. The sons said they were not told until it was too late that they could have visited their father on his last day.

"We didn't know we could see him. Someone called us and told us we could see him at 11 (p.m.)," Adrian explained. "We got up here, and they (TDC officials) said they didn't know what the hell was going on."

Brooks was pronounced dead at 12:16 a.m. Tuesday following his execution for the 1976 slaying of used car mechanic David Gregory of Fort Worth. Brooks' family was not allowed to watch.

His sons admitted they were

inside the church and then carried outside for the service.

"After 18 years we are once again faced with the beginning of barbarity by the state," said the Rev. James L. Tucker, rector of the church. "We are here to show mercy for those who cannot afford the Racehorse Haynes or who have the money to afford such lawyers."

John Vodicka of New Orleans, director of the Louisiana branch of the Southern Coalition on Jails and Prisons, a pro-life group in opposition to capital punishment, told the group prior to the execution that he was certain God would not be pleased.

Henry Schwarzschild, director of the capital punishment project for the ACLU, said the

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5 killed when TV tower falls

United Press International — A huge \$2 million metal television tower collapsed Tuesday killing five people and injuring three others who were working on the device.

Fort Bend Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Jeffrey said the tower, located in a field on the edge of Missouri City southwest of Houston, collapsed about 10:45 a.m. Officials said the accident occurred as workmen were putting the final antenna on the tower, which was 2,049 feet tall.

The final portion of the tower, a \$2 million antenna, was being placed on top when a cable apparently snapped. The falling antenna broke a guy wire which supported the tower, a spokeswoman for the tower's owner said.

The names of the dead were not available.

Jeffrey said the three injured workers were taken by ambulance to local hospitals.

"We understand that the tower did collapse while men were working on it," Jeffrey said.

The metal tower is owned by a conglomerate of nine Houston

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