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WILD CULT BLAMED TATE SLAYINGS

Parole System: A Liberalizing Trend Reversed

BY RONALD J. OSTROW

WASHINGTON—The Nixon Administration's emphasis on law and order is beginning to have an impact behind prison walls.

For one thing, with no public notice the U.S. Parole Board has scrapped a year-old policy designed to spend up the process under which it determines whether a convict wins parole.

For another, since President Nixon's choice as Parole Board chairman, George J. Reel, took office in May, the number of paroles granted has dropped. While the decline has been slight, it appears to be the start of a downward trend.

"This doesn't imply getting tough or locking everybody up," said Reel, who held the same job in the Eisenhower administration. "My intention in returning to the board was to increase its professional standards in decision-making to the end that the public is better protected."

'More Conservative Trend'
Reel said in an interview that Mr. Nixon's election victory "put the board on notice of a more conservative trend."

Before returning to the board, Reel said, he reviewed with Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell the "alarming rate of increased federal parole failures."

The failure rate—parolees charged with violating terms of their freedom—hit an all-time high of 40.7% in 1968. This, Reel noted, was the year after the number of paroles granted—as a percentage of prisoners eligible—climbed to a peak of 52.6%. The average during the Eisenhower years was 33.5%.

At a May 23 board meeting, the first after Reel became chairman, the board dropped a system of accelerating parole decisions that was a means of reducing the waiting period for a parole applicant and to impress upon him the reasons for the board's decision by having it announced soon after his hearing was completed.

Under the system, a member of the eight-man board interviewed in prison a convict seeking a parole. He would then telephone his recommendation to another member at the board's headquarters in Washington. If that member agreed, the recommendation became an official action, and the prisoner was notified within a few days.

This replaced the former method of having a transcript of the hearing presented to the other member as long as a month later with the final decision coming still later. Prisoners at times had to wait more than two months before they learned whether they had won parole.

In addition to dropping the telephone method "in favor of very careful, thorough screening," Reel said, the board will re-institute a requirement that five board members vote on each case. The board had been

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FIRST DRAW—Rep. Alexander Pirnie (R-N.Y.) reaches into bowl to make first selection in draft lottery. He picked capsule that contained Sept. 14 date. At left during drawing in national draft headquarters is retiring director, Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, here on page 6, Part 1.

Male Dancing Instructor Shot to Death in Hollywood Hotel

BY JERRY RANLOW

A male dance instructor was shot to death Monday night in his room at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Police said Victor Gambino Galardo, 34, of Houston, was shot once in the head.

Officers said his body was dragged from his room to a ramp leading to the hotel's garage by an unidentified man who dropped the body and fled when he was questioned by hotel employees.

A member of the troupe with whom Galardo traveled was being questioned today, but no arrests had been made.

Police said there were signs of a struggle in Galardo's second-floor room at the widely known hotel, 7000 Hollywood Blvd.

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Crippled Hippy Bus in Desert Led to Arrests

BY CHARLES POWERS

INDEPENDENCE, Calif. — The trip began in a bus. It ended in a bus. On the way eight people—and possibly 11—were murdered.

In the Death Valley sands 120 miles southeast of here, a green-and-white former school bus marks where the nomadic hippie clan led by Charles Manson finally ended its journey.

From there, 28 members of the Manson "family" were brought under arrest to Independence, a small town in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada.

Sheriff's officers here thought the hippie band was guilty of car theft. And, noting that even the women among them were sheath knives, possibly worse, they put out the names of the 28 on intercept teletypes.

Has 5-Page Record
When detectives from Los Angeles arrived to question members of the family, and took nine of them away, local officers found out why they were wanted.

The officers heard the name "Tate." They saw the Penal Code section for which they were wanted: 187. Murder.

Manson, 34, who has a five-page criminal record, including assault with a deadly weapon, theft, arson and car theft, is in the Inyo County jail here. No charges have been filed against him in the Tate case.

But authorities say he was the ringleader of the band of wanderers whose members included at least a half-dozen who specialized in the senseless murder of people they hated because they were wealthy. Investigators said followers sometimes spoke of him as "Jesus."

In a dimly lit Independence motel

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\$20 Billion Overrun in Arms Cost Told

Exclusive in The Times from the Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has reported that its major weapons programs are costing \$20 billion more than the Defense Department originally estimated.

This was disclosed Monday in a report by Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee. He has requested quarterly reports on overruns from the military and the latest report covers the Sept. 1 status of 35 weapons.

Procurement specialists noted that the report understates the size of the overruns by several billion dollars and is already out of date. Stennis, a defender of the Pentagon, is himself skeptical of the data. He has asked

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Nine Held in Case; Band Also Linked to La Bianca Murders

BY JERRY COHEN

Police believe they have solved the Sharon Tate murder case and that an occult band of hippies, directed by a leader who calls himself "Jesus," committed the five killings.

Members of the band—a mystical, hate oriented tribe of 20th century nomads—also are suspected of the La Bianca—or "copyst"—killings and at least four other comparably grotesque butcheries.

The suspects alone their victims, police believe, both to "punish" them for their affluent life style and to "liberate" them from it.

The killers invaded the Tate and La Bianca households, it is suspected, because they learned about the victims' affluence through friends or relatives of those slain.

Police have found no evidence of association between the suspects and the victims prior to the murders, it was reported Monday.

The cult leader, Charles Manson, 34, who also refers to himself as "God" and "Satan," is in custody, along with a man and two young women. A third young woman is being sought out-of-state, but her whereabouts is believed known.

At least five other women are being held in Sybil Brand Institute here as material witnesses.

All are members of Manson's "family," as the tribe calls itself. They reportedly consider themselves his "slaves," willing to do his bidding without question.

Police got their break about two weeks ago when a young woman member of the outlaw hippie clan poured out to an informer an eerie story of mass murder and sadistic sexual gratification.

Details Recounted
The young woman reportedly testified that the Tate and La Bianca killers were members of the cult which considered itself divinely guided and above the law.

She recounted details of the Tate murder scene which, in the judgment of police, only the killers could have known.

She supplied nicknames, aliases, first names and a few entire names which the informant passed along to detectives. These led officers to the last known stronghold of the nomadic tribe in Death Valley.

Before Miss Tate was killed, the informant told police, she pleaded to be spared, saying: "Let me have my baby." She was 8½ months pregnant at the time.

At a press conference Monday, Police Chief Edward M. Davis released fragmentary details about what possibly has become the most heinous murder investigation in California history.

He revealed that murder complaints had been issued for three of the suspects, none of them Manson.

"It is anticipated that an additional four or five persons will be named in indictments which will be sought Monday, Dec. 8."

THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy today and Wednesday. Chance of a few showers near mountains. High today, 75. High Monday, 75, low, 61.

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Charles D. Watson



Patricia Krenwinkel

from the Los Angeles County Grand Jury.

However, it is known that police believe only five persons—two men and three young women—actively participated in the slaughter of Miss Tate and four others at the actress' Benedict Canyon estate Aug. 9.

The second man, Charles D. Watson, alias Charles Montgomery, 24, is being held in McKinney, Tex., on an unrelated charge. But he was accused in the complaint filed here Monday by Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi with the slaying of 18-year-old Steven Parent.

The El Monte youth, who had been visiting the estate's caretaker, was shot to death in his car parked in the driveway of the included estate rented by Miss Tate and her director-husband Roman Polanski.

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