

Death penalty sought for Chicago man

CHICAGO (AP) — The electric chair will be sought for John Wayne Gacy, indicted on charges of murdering seven young men and boys whose bodies were buried at his suburban Chicago home or thrown into a nearby river, authorities say.

Bernard Carey, Cook County states attorney, said Monday he would ask for Gacy's execution. He said there was "more than one reason" why prosecutors could ask for the death penalty, but he refused to elaborate.

Gacy was indicted Monday by a Cook County grand jury for the seven murders.

Investigators have found the remains of 26 young men and boys beneath Gacy's home in Des Plaines, a northwest Chicago suburb. The remains of another body were found beneath his garage.

Gacy reportedly has confessed to the killings — the nation's largest mass murder in this century —

telling police he had sex with 32 boys and young men, then killed them.

Police believe five bodies were thrown into the Des Plaines River. The bodies of two young men have been recovered from the river and linked to Gacy, authorities said.

Eight of the remains found at the Gacy home have been identified, in addition to the two bodies recovered from the river.

Carey said he believes 12 unbiased jurors can be found in Cook County, where Gacy's home is located, and that he will oppose any attempt to move a trial elsewhere.

The 36-year-old contractor has been in custody since late last month and was charged Dec. 22 with murdering 15-year-old Robert Piest, whose disappearance earlier in the month led to Gacy's arrest.

China pledges support to defeated government

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — China promised yesterday to support the defeated Cambodian government, reported trying to make a stand in the northwestern part of the country, and predicted a 'protracted war of resistance.'

The Peking People's Daily, the Chinese Communist Party newspaper, said China would back Premier Pol Pot's fallen regime "resolutely." It said the fall of Phnom Penh Sunday to Vietnamese invaders and a rebel Cambodian Communist movement was a "landmark of doom" for Hanoi and its Soviet backers

because it was the start, not the end, of fighting.

The U.S. State Department said Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia raised the danger of wider war and called for foreign forces to be withdrawn. It said "all countries interested in peace, stability and an independent state system in Southeast Asia should urge restraint on both parties to the conflict."

However, Cambodia's geographic isolation from China indicated that Chinese support for the ousted government would be mostly verbal. There was no expectation that Chinese troops

and planes would invade Vietnam on behalf of their unsuccessful Cambodian clients.

Refugees get permission to land

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The New Hebrides, an island group in the South Pacific, has offered to resettle all 2,318 Vietnamese refugees aboard a cargo ship in Manila bay, the Philippine Foreign Ministry said.

The refugees have been denied permission to land in the Philippines since the Hong Kong-based freighter Tung An steamed into the bay Dec. 27. The ship and its human cargo were turned away from Brunei Dec. 23.

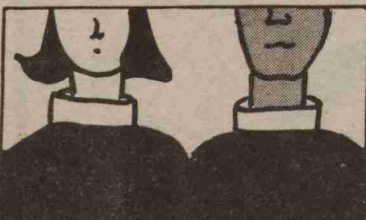
The New Hebrides islands are administered jointly by Britain and France.

Supervisor chosen

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Harry B. Britt, a 40-year-old homosexual and former Methodist minister, has been chosen to replace the slain Harvey Milk on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors.

In announcing the appointment Monday, Mayor Dianne Feinstein stressed that Milk's seat on the board was "not a gay seat." But she added that she had appointed a homosexual because of her commitment that "violence not change the course of government."

Milk, one of the nation's few avowed homosexual political figures and San Francisco's first homosexual supervisor, was gunned down Nov. 27 in City Hall, along with Mayor George Moscone. Former Supervisor Dan White has been charged with the shootings.



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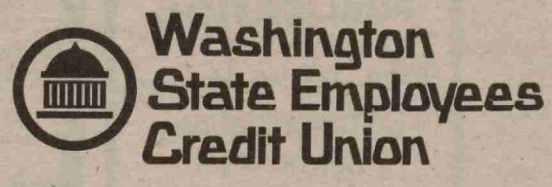
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