

## GOV. REAGAN TO SIGN NEW ABORTION BILL

### California Third State to Ease Its Law

BY SEYMOUR KORMAN

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)  
Sacramento, Cal., June 13 — Gov. Ronald Reagan announced tonight that he will sign a bill passed by the legislature liberalizing California's abortion law. The governor said the measure did not fully satisfy him, but that he sympathized with the effort to revise the statute in force here for 106 years.

California will thus become the third and the largest state in the nation to make it easier for a woman to have a legal abortion when the law takes effect 90 days after the close of the legislative session. Colorado and North Carolina recently passed such laws.

#### Sets New Conditions

California's 1861 statute prohibited abortion except when necessary to save a woman's life. The measure approved, 48 to 30 by the Assembly today and 21 to 17 earlier by the Senate, legalizes abortions when pregnancy would gravely impair physical or mental health of the prospective mother, or when a girl under 15 becomes pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

Abortions may be performed only by a qualified physician or surgeon in an accredited hospital when authorized by the hospital medical staff committee. Abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy are prohibited.

"I am fully sympathetic to the attempts to liberalize the outdated abortion law now in effect in California," Reagan said. "I'm confident the people of California recognize that need, and will support the humanitarian goals of the measure."

#### Calls Law Not Perfect

"However, I must be frank and concede that the legislation that will come before me for signature is by no means a perfect. There are several areas of concern to me and to many others in California, including members of the legislature."

"Therefore I intend to watch very closely the implementation and results of this new legislation and keep a continuing check on how it affects the citizens of this state. I cannot emphasize too strongly that if any feature of the measure fails to carry out the intent of the legislature, I will ask for corrective amendments."

"Because of my belief that a liberalization of the abortion laws is necessary, I will sign the bill even tho it does not meet each and every objection that I and others in California have to it."

#### Hits Residency Lack

Reagan's principal complaints against the bill, he said, were lack of a state residency clause for the woman to be aborted, and failure to insure that small hospitals are not established as abortion centers. The legislature defeated amendments which would have required a woman to have lived in California 180 days or more before she could seek an abortion, and to permit such operations only in hospitals with 70 or more beds.

"We must be extremely careful," Reagan said.

## Witness Picks Out Attacker in Death Trial

A witness to the slaying of Patricia Heinen last Feb. 27 identified Jose Torres, 25, yesterday as the man who attacked her on the walk in front of 40 W. Adams st.

"Do you see that man in the courtroom?" Alvin Ford, 1247 S. California av., was asked by Assistant State's Atty. Lawrence Genesen.

Ford, a former truck driver for a take-out restaurant, pointed to Torres, who was seated behind his lawyer, Philip Basvic.

"That man in the second chair," he said.

#### On Trial Before Jury

Torres is on trial for murder before a jury of eight men and four women in Criminal court. Judge James J. Mejda is presiding over the trial. The state is demanding the death penalty.

Miss Heinen, 25, a clerk for Trans World Airlines office at 37 S. Wabash av., was fatally stabbed at 1 a.m. a few minutes after she had left work.

Ford said that he had parked his truck at 40 W. Adams st. to make a delivery when he saw Miss Heinen walk past the truck with Torres following her.

Ford said that he had delivered food to the TWA office about 25 times and he recognized Miss Heinen as an employee there. He told the jury that Torres grabbed Miss Heinen with his right arm "and hit her in the chest three or four times with his left hand."

"It seemed like a fight or a scuffle. I thought it was a man and his wife fighting, or a man and his girl friend. The girl hollered, 'I've been stabbed,'" he said.

#### Saw Suspect Flee

Ford said that Torres ran toward State street and he got out of the truck and helped guards for the Montgomery Ward & Co. store get Miss Heinen into the foyer of the store building. He said he left his name and address with the guards and went about his business.

Ford testified on cross examination that he had seen Torres several times previously at a rubber company at 340 W. Huron st., where Ford picked up his wife at midnight. He said, however, that at the time of the stabbing he did not recognize Torres as anyone he had seen previously.

#### Identified by Cabbie

Chester Macon, 43, a cab driver, identified Torres as the man who got into his cab at State and Monroe streets about 1:15 a.m. just after the attack on Miss Heinen.

Macon's identification of Torres and the story he told police led to Torres' arrest.

#### Document Read to Jury

Judge Mejda permitted the prosecution to read to the jury a transcript of what was identified as a conversation March 1 at the police headquarters between Torres and Assistant State's Atty. Matthew Moran.

In answer to questions, Torres was quoted as saying he followed a woman he saw walking for about a block.

"What happened then?" Moran asked.

"Well, then I had a small knife, pulled it out, and I grabbed her from behind and I held my knife like this, and she was trying to run away. She ran into the knife . . . She fall down, and I got scared and run away." Torres was quoted as replying, adding that he threw the knife into the Chicago river.

## BRITAIN PLANS STEP TO HEAL RHODESIA RIFT

BY EDWARD ROHRBACH

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)  
LONDON, June 13—A British envoy will fly to Rhodesia in a new attempt to patch up the "rebel" colony's 18-month break from Britain, Prime Minister Harold Wilson announced in the house of commons today.

Wilson said that Lord Alport, a former Conservative party minister of state in the commonwealth office, will leave in a few days for Salisbury, Rhodesia's capital.

#### Reports Have Circulated

The prime minister noted that reports have been circulating that suggest a willingness on the part of Ian Smith, head of the breakaway regime, to resume talks with Britain.

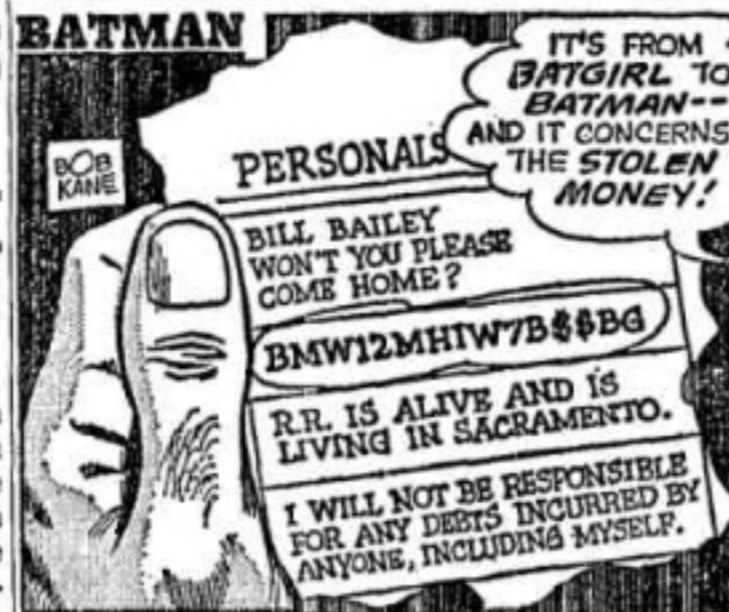
The conflict on Rhodesia has been deadlocked with no visible initiatives by Britain since December after Wilson and Smith met on the British cruiser Tiger off Gibraltar without reaching an agreement.

Lord Alport "will be available to see representatives of all sections of Rhodesian opinion," Wilson told the commons. He was selected because of his "unrivalled knowledge of the personalities in Salisbury," Wilson said.

"There is, of course, no question of his negotiating on behalf of her majesty's government," he added.

#### Will Make Report

On Lord Alport's return to London after his visit "to test the temperature of the water



there," he is to report whether there is "any real indication of a situation arising in which meaningful attempts can be made to reach an acceptable settlement," the prime minister added.

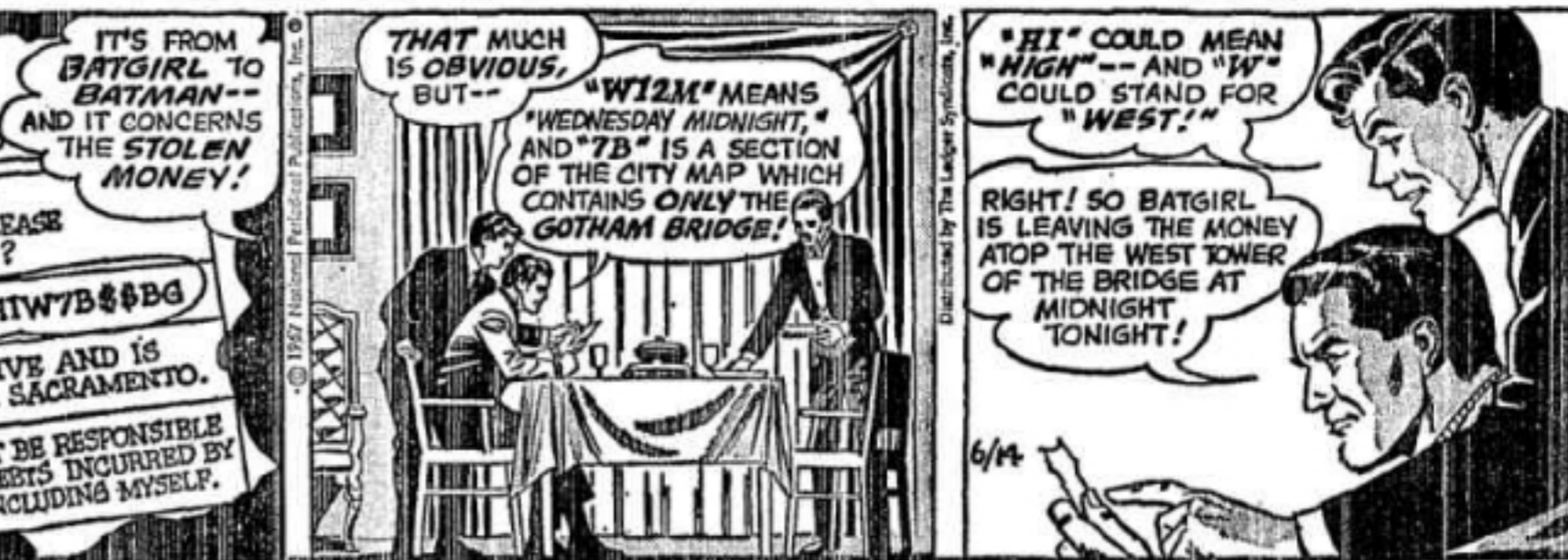
Wilson gave assurances to heated questions from several members of the house that Britain would not grant independence to Rhodesia without majority rule.

He described the present Rhodesian government as an "illegal regime in a treasonable situation."

## Cambodia to Exchange Envoys with Hanoi

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, June 13 (AP)—Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian chief of state, said today that his government is establishing diplomatic relations with North Viet Nam and will exchange ambassadors. He said that North Viet Nam and the South Vietnamese National Liberation Front—the Viet Cong political organization — had recognized Cambodia's present boundaries.

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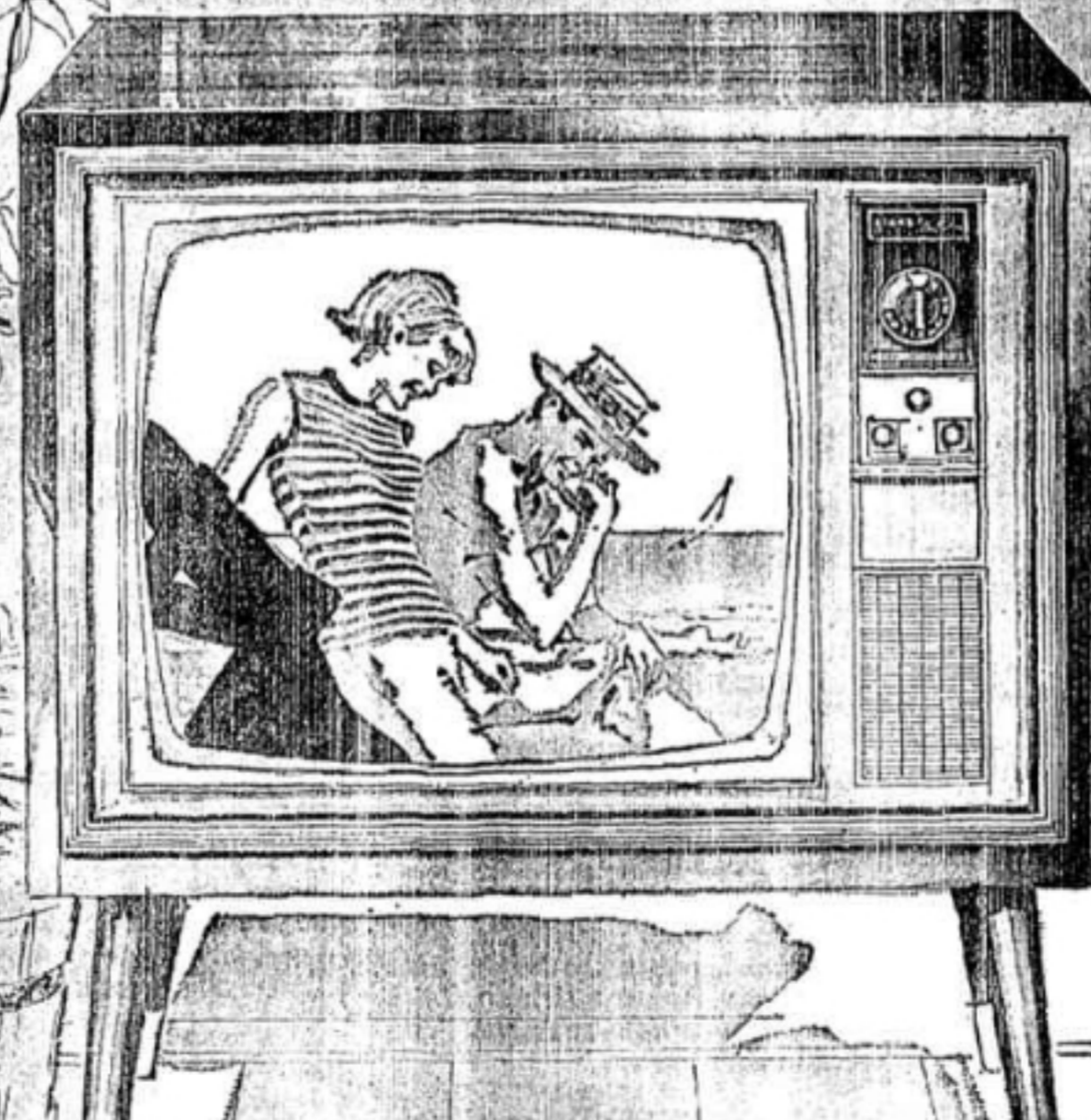
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