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Blanton Says He Signed All Clemency Cases During Term

The arrogance of Gov. Blanton in indicating that he will issue further commutations under these circumstances is an affront to every Tennessean," Hooker be- lieved.

"I think the Democratic party should speak with one voice and call for the resignation of Ray Blanton. A lot of people are saying, 'why are you trying to get him out when he only has 30 days left?' It doesn't make any difference whether he has 30 days or 30 minutes as long as he has that fountain pen and can let dangerous criminals out on the street."

Blanton's Pardons Set Record, More Likely

NAVSHEL (UP) — Gov. Ray Blanton has issued a record number of pardons, commutations and early releases to Tennessee inmates. His newly appointed legal aide says there will likely be more coming before the Governor leaves office next month.

"We didn't get into specific cases, but he told me that he probably will issue some more commutations before the end of his term," said Robert Lillard, Blanton's legal aide.

Blanton has granted 329 commutations, 184 early releases and 38 pardons and revoked 35 commutations during his two-year term — a record for one administration in recent history.

Tennessee's last four governors have issued a total of 1688 pardons, commutations and early releases to inmates since 1963, according to state records.

Although the late Gov. Frank Clement had issued more commutations, Blanton signed more early releases, in part, because of a court order to relieve prison overcrowding.

Blanton issued 483 commutations, eight reprieves, 20 pardons and three revocations.

Democrat Buford Ellington issued 178 commutations, 12 reprieves and 22 pardons while serving as governor.

Republican Gov. Winfield Dunn signed 349 commutations, 13 reprieves and 25 pardons.

Hendersonville Man Stabbed

A Hendersonville man was admitted to St. Mary's Medical Center Friday with stab wounds in his back, hand and stomach. The deputy sheriff's deputies said Marvin Yest, 26, refused to tell who stabbed him, but that he was probably the stabbing occurred, deputies said. His condition was listed as satisfactory.

The Rev. Dr. R. Books Briecher, Rector