

April 13, 1979.

Dear Bate,

" The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous
man availeth much. (James 5:16.)

I bless Adonai, On this day much energy has been created
and felt by ever so manyhere in the cosmos.

Inclosed one more bit of news, many items of interest this day.

Good people are responding to the call for prayers for little
Grant, and He is thanking all.

I am willing to pay the price needful for what is to be done .

When all is said and done , I find still myself in a man in
need of a helping hand with which to explore the void and bring
to all who are consciousness ,and I in my own consciousness
know what and out of my own consciousness know why and of my
own consciousness ,that it is EYE that seek the word and the
praise from He who ~~EYE~~ call MASTER . .

Deep faith demands dynamic action

I am to tell others of the peace
for this is the victory that
cometh over the world
even our faith

P.S. Some day/night - we shall meet and I will tell of all
that has so passed , and of the vast quantitys of LSDLSDLSDLSDLSD
that I have in the recent past injested it has left me as

*Let there all ways
be Love between us Rob*

He murdered tot, jury says

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By GEORGE MANES

Chiropractor Neil Aldridge, convicted Tuesday of second degree murder for the beating death of an 18-month-old boy last July, faces a maximum sentence of seven years in state prison.

With time off for good behavior and credit for time already served, Aldridge could be out in four years.

He was accused of battering to death the son of close friends because the child steadfastly refused to point to his belly button on command. The child's parents, Steve and Mary Lumsden, both 28, also face murder trials.

A jury of seven women and five men convicted the 38-year-old Santa Rosan after two and a half days of deliberations.

Most of their debate, jurors said, involved the prosecution's request for a murder-by-torture conviction that would have resulted in a life in prison sentence.

But jury foreman Kenneth Dalton said the jury never came close to convicting the tall, blond father of three of first degree murder. The last ballot had four jurors voting guilty, four not guilty and four unable to decide.

Aldridge heard the verdict without visible emotion. Judge John Gallagher ordered the defendant taken into custody after doubling his bail to \$300,000. Gallagher set a hearing for 9:30 a.m. Friday for a review of bail and to set a sentencing date.

The jury also convicted Aldridge of felony child abuse, which carries a maximum penalty of a year in prison.

The verdict will force Assistant District Attorney Gary Antolini and his staff to review the strategy for prosecuting the child's parents. It had been generally considered that the best case for a first degree murder conviction was against Aldridge, not the parents.

Although no trial dates have been set, it is expected that the father, Steven Lumsden, will be the next to face trial. He is the only one of the three still in jail.

During the sometimes sensational two-week trial, Aldridge admitting striking the child with his hands, a belt, a strap, and the wooden handle of a wire brush. But he denied ever hitting the youngster, Grant Lumsden, in the head.

A medical expert said the blond-haired, blue-eyed toddler died of



NEIL ALDRIDGE

—Joe Price Jr.

child had failed to get him to point to his belly button.

He quoted the bible, saying "foolishness — rebellion — abounds in the body of a child and the rod will drive it far from him."

murder by torture, which requires they be convinced the defendant intended to inflict "cruel and prolonged pain and suffering." Several jurors were unconvinced the "disciplining" met the requirement of