Extradition Of Seale Of Seale

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 31 (UPI)—Gov. Ronald Reagan today approved the extradition of Black Panther leader Bobby Seale to Connecticut to face murder charges in the torture slaying of a fellow Panther.

The California governor, vacationing during the holidays in Southern California, announced his action in a New Year's Eve statement distributed by his press office in the state capitol.

"After a thorough analysis of all the legal points raised, there was no basis on which to decline the extradition request," Reagan's brief statement said.

Attorney Charles Garry, who represented Seale at an extradition hearing conducted Dec. 16 by Reagan's legal affairs secretary, Herbert Ellingwood, has vowed to file a suit in San Francisco Municipal court to block extradition. Garry said the refusal by Reagan's office to allow Seale to attend the hearing denied the Panther leader a "basic right."

Seale, 33, is sought by Connecticut on charges of murder, kidnaping and conspiracy in the May 21 slaying of Alex Rackley, 24, a New York Panther believed to be a police informant.

Garry argued at the hearing that Connecticut's request for extradition was "without foundation" because Seale was only in the state on May 19 and 20.