

## California Not To Indict Two Prison Lovers

Pair Who Escaped For Baby's Birth Face Kansas Return

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Grand jurors decided Monday night not to return robbery and kidnaping indictments against a couple who escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary so their baby could be born "outside."

Hernando Cotton, 49, and Mrs. Martha Stachura, 27, had been charged with kidnaping Anthony W. Trevelick, 23, of Redwood City and robbing him of \$2 last week. They were caught when a stolen car stalled and a policeman recognized it.

The jury decided it was "not in the public interest to have California taxpayers support them here," said Norman Elkington, chief assistant district attorney. They will be returned to Kansas.

The pair told authorities here they held trysts in a prison utility tunnel and made their escape when Mrs. Stachura found she was pregnant. The baby is expected in September.

Cotton told the grand jury Monday night he faces life imprisonment when he returns to Kansas. He was first sent up for stealing an automobile and was later convicted of killing a fellow prisoner.

Mrs. Stachura said she has enough charges against her in three states to keep her in prison for 25 years.

She and her husband, Edgar, 28, were convicted of selling a mortgaged car. Stachura Monday won a parole from the Lansing, Kan., penitentiary but was released to Arizona authorities who wanted him on forgery charges.

Gov. George Docking's office said Oregon also wanted Stachura on charges of obtaining money through false pretenses while California sought him for forgery.

## British Report 500 Russ Subs

LONDON (AP)—The British government says Russia now has the world's biggest submarine fleet—500 underwater craft. Half of them reportedly are built for long-range operation.

But Christopher Soames, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, said if we compare the NATO allies have "every intention of protecting the Atlantic sea lanes."

Soames told the House of Commons last night that NATO would be bolstered by "the main elements of the Royal Navy, which are committed to NATO in the event of global war."

Speaking during debate on the navy budget, Soames said the "new style navy will be a sharp and tempered weapon with fewer ships than the present fleet but with most formidable hitting power."

## Russ Seaman Bullet Victim

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—The first mate of a Russian freighter died in a hospital yesterday of bullet wounds received after the vessel left Manzanilla, Cuba, for Leningrad.

The freighter Holoznik put in Sunday to obtain medical aid for Valery Hedensky, 34. He was reported to have suffered several head wounds and to have been unconscious three days.

Capt. Aleksander Birjukor said the mate was wounded accidentally, but crew members would not divulge to newsmen how or when he was shot.

## U. S. Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Marie Tappold, 89, famed Metropolitan Opera Company soprano in the first two decades of the century, and a voice teacher in North Hollywood the past 15 years, died Sunday. She was born in Brooklyn.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Dr. Harold G. Trimble, 61, nationally known chest specialist, a past vice president of the National Tuberculosis Assn., was fatally shot yesterday.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Samuel P. Crenshaw, 70, retired Associated Press maintenance man, who served many years in the AP's Louisville, Ky., bureau, died Sunday.

NEW YORK (AP)—Jim Jennings, 68, a sports writer on the New York Daily Mirror for the past 25 years, and formerly on the old New York Graphic and New York Post, died yesterday.

BOSTON (AP)—Rear Adm. Robert A. Theobald, 73, former commandant of the 1st Naval District and the Pacific Fleet destroyer commander when the Japanese made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, died yesterday. He was born in San Francisco.

## Costly Oversight

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service explained why it sent a bill for taxes due to a New Mexico taxpayer. It seems that in the rush to meet the April 15 filing deadline, the taxpayer had forgotten to list his wife and 12 children as dependents. Another tax return corrected the oversight.

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