

Chessman Confident New Trial To Result From Court Decision

San Quentin, Calif. — Convict-author Caryl Chessman is "confident" he will win a new trial as the result of a U. S. Supreme Court decision ordering a new hearing in his case.

Chessman said yesterday he believes the ruling opens the way to "what I wanted in the first place — a new trial."

"After nine years, I'm right back where I started," said the 36-year-old convict. "Ironically enough, that's progress for me."

New Hearing Ordered

In a 5-3 decision, the Supreme Court set aside his death sentence and ordered that a new hearing be given him in the California courts to determine the accuracy of the transcript of his trial. Persons close to the case believe he will now go before Superior Judge Charles Fricke in Los Angeles.

"You can't be this close to the gas chamber for nine years without getting a little pessimistic once in a while," Chessman said. "But I'm confident the hearings will bring about a new trial."

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury found Chessman guilty in 1948 of 17 counts of rape, robbery, kidnapping, sexual perversion and car theft.

He received the death sentence for twice violating the state's "Little Lindbergh Law" — kidnapping with bodily harm. He also received two life terms without possibility of parole, and sentences totaling 99 years on the rest of his convictions.

Two days after his trial ended, the court reporter who took

the testimony died. Another reporter — related by marriage to the prosecutor — took over the job of transcribing the notes.

In his long battle to overthrow his conviction, Chessman has claimed that the courts have upheld his death sentence on the basis of this "prejudicially incomplete and inaccurate" transcript.

The Supreme Court said it did not necessarily agree that the transcript was all that Chessman said it was, but it believed he "never had his day in court" on the matter.

Coalition Cabinet Formed in France

Paris — Premier-Designate Maurice Bourges-Maunoury announced today formation of a 14-man coalition Cabinet which included five holdovers from the outgoing government led by Socialist Guy Mollet.

The 42-year-old radical Socialist, so-called "boy wonder" of French politics, youngest premier since 1883, goes before the National Assembly Wednesday for expected approval.

Two of the most prominent holdovers were Christian Pineau and Robert Lacoste, both Socialists. Pineau is minister of foreign affairs and Lacoste is minister-resident of Algeria.

Dropped from the Cabinet was veteran Socialist Paul Ramadier, finance minister in the Mollet government whose call for higher taxes resulted in Mollet's defeat. Felix Gaillard, a radical Socialist, succeeded Ramadier.

NIGHTIES NOT COVERED

Hollywood — Local police rushed for the rule book when they spotted actress Lisa Davis walking on a downtown street wearing a brief, fuzzy, pink nightgown to publicize a movie.

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The 92-foot ship, replica of the 17th Century square-rigger that carried the Pilgrims to America, scudded along on a southwesterly wind headed for the Nantucket light ship. She was expected to rendezvous with dozens of private yachts near the lightship some time today.

The Mayflower was sailing close to treacherous shoal waters where hundreds of ships have broken up. Her bow pointed toward Land's End on the tip of Cape Cod, a wind-burned sand spit with sparse wild grass, scattered beach cottages and screaming gulls.



PREPARING DEFENSE of William S. Girard, 21, Itsuro Hayashi, Japanese attorney, confers with American soldier at Camp Whittington where he is awaiting trial by Japanese court on charges of manslaughter in death of Japanese woman killed by Girard's gun. Praying at family shrine is Haru Sueyama, Girard's fiancée. (International)

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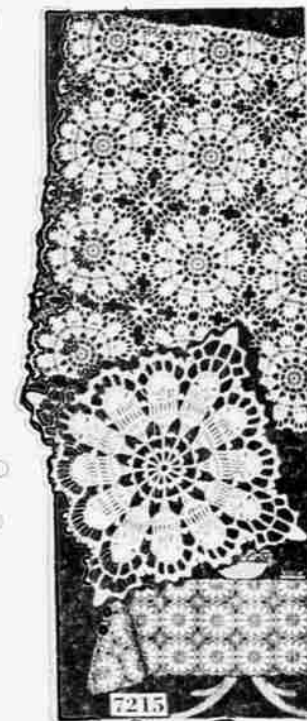
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