

Party Cracks Down On Opposition To Ward Off Violence

Mexicali, Mexico—UPI—The ruling party, announcing an unofficial sweeping victory in the Baja California gubernatorial elections, has cracked down hard on opposition leaders assertedly to ward off feared violence.

About 150 members of the minority National Action Party (PAN) were reported arrested in Tijuana. Among those jailed in this capital city was Enrique Silva, president of PAN.

Hollywood Lawyer To Defend Finch's Mistress in Case

West Covina, Calif.—UPI—The prosecution agreed today to a week's postponement in the preliminary hearing of Carole Tregoff to permit famed Hollywood lawyer Jerry Giesler to study the case. She is charged with helping Dr. Bernard Finch murder Finch's estranged wife.

Deputy District Attorney Fred Wichello told United Press International he would agree to the delay in order to give Giesler and his partner, Robert Neeb, time to study the case.

Wichello, who was the prosecutor last week in Finch's preliminary hearing, said he expected Miss Tregoff's hearing to take about two days, compared with the four days devoted to Finch's hearing.

"Just about the same witnesses will be called," he said. "And her testimony from Finch's hearing will be gone over. We also might introduce the file of Mrs. Finch's divorce suit."

Held Without Bail
Finch is being held without bail for superior court arraignment on first degree murder charges Aug. 17.

Neeb said after an interview with Miss Tregoff in county jail Monday that he and Giesler would take her case. But he said they would need the week's postponement to familiarize themselves.

"We know absolutely nothing about the case," he said.

Giesler, who has defended some of Hollywood's top personalities, was asked to take the case by Miss Tregoff's mother, Mrs. James Tregoff, after the attractive 22-year-old former medical receptionist was arrested following her testimony during Finch's hearing.

'Murder Kit'
The state charged that Miss Tregoff, mistress of the 41-year-old Finch, carried the "murder kit" July 18 to the Finch home and planned to help her lover inject Mrs. Finch, 33, with a sedative and shove her car off a cliff. The "murder kit" was an attache case owned by Finch and contained such items as sedatives, hypodermic needles and syringes and rope.

The plot was foiled, the state charged, when the Finch maid, 19-year-old Marie Lidholm, a Swedish exchange student, ran to Mrs. Finch's side when she heard her screaming. Miss Lidholm said she saw Finch standing over his wife with a gun.

Mrs. Finch later was found mortally wounded on the lawn of the home.

Gruening Wants Mail Via Air
Washington—UPI—Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) says he can't understand why the Post Office is buying "little go-carts" to speed local mail delivery when it hesitates to make more use of aircraft to carry letters between cities.

Gruening, in testimony before a Senate Post Office subcommittee Monday, supported a bill which would authorize the Postmaster General to transport all classes of mail by air if he found it more suitable than surface vehicles. He is pushing for a speed-up of mail to Alaska.

However, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) warned that small towns and rural areas may suffer along with the rail lines if the department adopts an "all-up" policy of air-lifting most inter-city mail.

Herbert B. Brand, railway mail director for the AAR, said the bill could mean an ultimate cost to the railroads of 150 million dollars a year.

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