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Higher Pearl Costs Seen as Result Of Damage by Typhoon Vera in Japan

Tokyo —UPI— That cultured pearl necklace you were thinking of buying for \$50 may soon cost you at least \$60—and you can blame Typhoon Vera.

The storm, worst of its kind in Japanese history, struck last Sept. 26. It left nearly 5,000 dead and also dealt a staggering blow to the nation's pearl producers, most of whom operate in the hard-hit Nagoya area of central Honshu.

An estimated 75,000,000 pearl oysters worth \$10,035,000 were swept out to sea or buried in the mud and debris. At least 40,000 of the 80,000 pearl "rafts" planted in Matoba and Ago bays were wrecked or badly damaged. The total loss to the industry was expected to exceed \$15,000,000.

"Because of the Typhoon Vera, Japan's total pearl production may drop by 30 per cent for 1959 and 40 per cent in 1960," said Sakae Inouye of the Japan Pearl Export and Processing association.

It is inevitable that our exports will decrease and our prices will increase. We don't want to raise prices but it is impossible to avoid."

Most industry sources believe cultured pearls from Japan will cost at least 20 per cent more as production, which has averaged about 82,500 pounds annually, dips to 66,000 pounds in 1960.

What's more, the effects of Typhoon Vera will be felt for at least two or three more years. That's how long it takes to bring cultured pearls to maturity.



PEARL RAFTS DAMAGED — Crumpled pearl-farming rafts are washed ashore by Typhoon Vera, worst storm in Japanese history, which struck on Sept. 26, 1959. The 130-mile-per-hour storm, which left 5,000 dead, caused them to be buried in the mud and debris. Hence, a sharp increase in the price of pearls on the world market is expected.

Carole Tregoff Said Happy When Told of Murder

Los Angeles —UPI— "It was the first time I had ever seen the girl happy."

The witness was convict John Patrick Cody and he was describing the reaction of red-haired Carole Tregoff when he told her he had murdered the wife of Carole's lover, Dr. R. Bernard Finch.

When Miss Tregoff realized that Cody was lying, he said she told him:

"Jack, you can back out if you want to. But if you don't do it the doctor will do it. If the doctor doesn't do it, I will do it."

The state charges that Carole and the surgeon did murder Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch the night of July 18 outside the Finch home in suburban Los Angeles, with the doctor firing the fatal shot into his wife's back.

They agreed on a total of \$1,400—\$300 down and the balance when it was through, he said. They drove to the airport where Cody bought a plane ticket to Phoenix, Ariz., whence he was to go by bus to Los Angeles. That same night he cashed in the ticket and spent the money at the Sahara Hotel.

Cody told the court that he convinced Carole and Finch he had done the job, collected his \$1,400 fee and blew it all at the dice table in the casinos along the "strip."

Cody himself is something out of fiction—the typical "operator," flashily handsome, a ladies' man, fast-talking, fast-thinking. He is here in custody from Minnesota where he is serving two years on a bad check charge.

On the day he was scheduled to leave he and Carole had another conversation. She asked him how he would do it and he said he might use a shotgun but to leave it to him. Cody said Miss Tregoff wanted him to make it look like a robbery and she wanted it done on the Fourth of July weekend while everyone had an alibi. Finch would be at a tennis tournament and she would be working in the Sands Hotel.

He resumes testimony today. Cody said he first met Carole last July 1 at Pierre's College Inn opposite the University of Nevada. She was introduced by college student Donald Williams, a childhood friend of Carole's who immediately left them alone.

"What did she say?" asked prosecutor Fred N. Whichello.

"She asked if Don (Williams) had approached me and asked me how much money had he quoted me?"

"What did she say she wanted you to do?"

"She said she wanted me to kill Mrs. Finch."

Cody said they "dickered" about the price.

She gave him an envelope with \$350 in cash and another with maps of the Finch home and the Hollywood apartment where Mrs. Finch sometimes stayed with a girl friend.

"Then or at any time did you intend to kill anybody?" Whichello asked.

"No, sir. I know I wasn't going to kill anybody and that's all."

He said he thought so little of the plot he threw away the maps and hardly glanced at the photograph of Mrs. Finch that Carole had given him.



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