

Finch To Attempt To Convince Jury Of Accidental Shot

Los Angeles —(UPI)— Dr. R. Bernard Finch today was to face his biggest test when he tries to convince a jury that his wife was shot in the back accidentally when he "threw" the murder weapon away.

The suave socialite - physician also must explain why he broke his Hippocratic oath by failing to assist his mortal-

ly wounded wife and left her to die in the driveway of their West Covina, Calif., home.

The defense has stated that Finch threw the death gun away after a struggle with his wife, Barbara, last July 18 and it accidentally discharged a bullet into her back.

Tells of Gigolo
It also has stated that Finch fled the scene in "sheer panic, fright and desperation" after kneeling over his wife in a last-gasp conversation. The 42-year-old surgeon was calm Thursday when he described the precarious balancing act of his life in West Covina and in various love nests with his mistress and co-defendant, Carole Tregoff, 23.

When his illicit love affair was discovered and threatened to shatter his country-club life and the financial credit of his hospital, he decided on this course of action:

—He would continue to see his mistress and at the same time stall his wife's divorce action until after he had swung a \$500,000 hospital loan.

—He would arrange to try to "get something" on his wife even if he had to hire a "gigolo" to do it.

Says Carole Helped
Under the guidance of his attorney, Grant Cooper, Finch testified he discussed frankly with Miss Tregoff the possibility of getting his wife involved with a gigolo. He said he spoke to his mistress about it by telephone last June when Miss Tregoff was in Las Vegas, Nev.

She said she would be glad to help and on July 1 "she called me on the phone and said, 'Honey, I've got good news for you. We've got a man to do the job,'" Finch testified.

The man turned out to be Jack Cody who already has testified that he was hired to murder Mrs. Finch. The state charges that when Cody failed to follow through, Finch did the job himself.

Finch testified that Cody guaranteed the job would be done within 30 days "if he had to sleep with her himself and report and go to court and testify to that."

\$50,000 Sought For Reserve Unit

Money for a Medford Naval reserve center is included in the defense department's military construction bill sent to Congress today.

The department is asking Congress for \$50,000 to build the facility.

Lt. R. A. Schuchard, commanding officer of the local reserve unit, said the money would probably go toward a Naval reserve addition to the Army reserve center now under construction at the intersection of McAndrews rd. and Jackson st.

The addition would house office facilities and a radio communications room for the Navy unit, making a joint Army-Navy facility out of the center, he said.

However, if the local unit, now comprised of approximately 70 men, continues to grow as it has been, Lt. Schuchard said, there is a chance the money would be used for a separate building.

The Medford unit has the largest electronics division in the 13th Naval district which encompasses Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, and was the only unit in the district at full strength last year, he pointed out.

TRUMANS TO FLORIDA

Miami —(UPI)— Former President and Mrs. Truman arrive here Feb. 16 for a two-week vacation mixed with political events. Truman plans to interrupt a vacation at Key West Feb. 27 to speak at a Democratic fund-raising dinner in Miami.



CROSBY TO WED — Lindsay Crosby, 21, and Las Vegas showgirl Diane Fredrickson, 22, look over an application when they obtained their marriage license at Santa Monica, Calif. They plan to be married Saturday afternoon with Crosby's brother, Philip, as best man. The couple will honeymoon at Palm Springs and then rejoin his brothers for their Las Vegas night club act. (UPI Telephoto)



MIKOYAN IN CUBA—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan, right, chats with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, left, and Maj. Ernesto Guevara, the Argentine-born leftist who heads Cuba's national bank. Castro and other Cuban leaders are expected to be on hand when Mikoyan opens a Russian industrial exposition in Havana Saturday. (UPI Telephoto)

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Stocks Decline as Sellers Hold Sway

New York —(UPI)— Sellers held sway in the initial trading today and stocks fell as much as a point below their previous close.

Industrials were off well over a point in their average during the first hour, while the rails held firm. Electronics favored the upside with gains of a point or more in Texas Instruments and Zenith.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York —(UPI)— Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 631.14, up 0.17; 20 railroads 151.74, up 0.40; 15 utilities 85.87, up 0.05, and 65 stocks 208.27, up 0.17. Sales Thursday were about 2,600,000 shares compared with 3,020,000 shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	51 3/4
Alum. Co. Am.	94 1/2
American Can	41
American Motors	83 1/2
A. T. & T.	32 3/4
Anaconda Copper	60
Armco Steel	65
Bendix Aviation	72
Bethlehem Steel	50 1/2
Boeing Air	29 3/4
Caterpillar Corp.	30 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	69
Continental Can	42 3/4
Crown Zellerbach	48
Curtis Wright	26 3/4
Dow Chemical	92 3/4
Du Pont	23 1/2
Eastman Kodak	98
Firestone	123 1/2
General Electric	90 3/4
General Foods	101 1/2
General Motors	48 3/4
Georgia Pacific	46
Graham Packaging	2 1/2
Greyhound	20 3/4
Gulf Oil	31 3/4
Homestake Mining	41 1/2
Idaho Power	47
I. B. M.	422
Int. Paper	117 1/2
Johns Manville	45 3/4
Katy	5 1/2
Kennecott Copper	90 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	28 3/4
Montana Power Co.	22 3/4
Montgomery Ward	47 3/4
Nat'l Biscuit	53 3/4
Southern Pacific	28 3/4
New York Central	62 3/4
Pac Gas & Elec	118 1/2
Penn. R.R.	15 3/4
Radio Corporation	60 3/4
Richfield Oil	80 3/4
Safeway	36 3/4
Sears	46 1/2
Shell Oil	37 3/4
Socony Mobil Oil	39 3/4
Southern Co.	41 1/2
Southern Pacific	21 3/4
Standard California	46
Standard Indiana	43 1/2
Standard N. J.	46 3/4
Sun Mines	6 1/4
Texas Co.	76
Texas Gulf Sulphur	17 3/4
Tex. Pac. Land Trust	15 1/4
Transamerica	27 1/2
Trans World Air	12 3/4
Tri-Continental	36 3/4
Union Carbide	138
Union Pacific	28 3/4
United Aircraft	38 1/2
United Air Lines	29 1/2

Federal Building Favored by Group

The public building subcommittee of the Senate public works committee has unanimously approved plans to construct a new federal building in Medford.

The announcement was made today in a telegram to the Mail Tribune by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger. The approval was given Wednesday to the project. Neuberger is chairman of the public buildings subcommittee.

Approval of the project by the House public works committee is still needed, it was reported, before the building will become a reality. The estimated cost of the structure to house the post office and federal offices here is \$2,365,000, to contain 81,700 square feet.

The plan for the building was presented to congress under the public buildings act of 1959.

The structure will replace the present federal office building at 33 North Riverside ave.

Once congressional committees have approved the project, the general service administration will proceed with the acquisition of a site the preparation of plans for the proposed building, it has been announced.

Bolivia Airliner Crash Reported

La Paz, Bolivia —(UPI)— Reports reaching here said that a Bolivian commercial airliner crashed at Cochabamba early today killing an estimated 60 passengers and crew members.

Confirmation of the death toll won't make the crash the worst air disaster in the history of Bolivian commercial aviation.

Cochabamba is approximately 160 miles southeast of La Paz, the Bolivian capital.

Air Force Officer Resents Charges Of 'Missile Mess'

Washington —(UPI)— Lt. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Air Force research chief, told congressmen today he resents charges that there is a "missile mess." He insisted that a "remarkable job" has been done.

Schriever told the House Space Committee that Russia will pose the greatest threat ever faced by the U. S. once ballistic missiles are in full production. But he said "very great" work has been done in the U. S. missile program.

President Eisenhower meantime met for more than an hour with his top defense and scientific advisers on "security matters." The session had not been listed on the White House schedule for today.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told newsmen after the 75-minute conference that it was "routine" and "ordinary." Secretary of State Christian A. Herter declined comment.

Schriever was the first witness at the opening of House hearings on the missile program.

The general's comments followed an exchange between

Democrats on the committee and Rep. James Fulton (R-Pa.) who said the Army's Nike-Zeus missile defense system had become a "political football." Fulton said this was true particularly in the Senate where "there are trial balloons for the presidency going up."

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.) said Fulton was treading on dangerous ground in "impugning the motives of any American who has his own view about national defense."

Oregonian Enters Hundredth Year

Portland —(UPI)— The Oregonian Thursday began its 100th year as a daily newspaper.

The first daily issue of the Oregonian was published by Henry Pittcock on Feb. 4, 1861. Previously it had appeared for about 10 years as a weekly.

The newspaper now is publishing combined editions with the rival Oregon Journal because of a strike which started last Nov. 10.

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