



LIFE IN PRISON—Carole Tregoff, left, starts to leave the courtroom as Dr. R. Bernard Finch, right, talks to attorney Grant Cooper, center, back to camera, after the couple was condemned to life in prison for the July 19, 1959, killing of the surgeon's wife. (UPI Telephoto)

Finch, Carole Given Life Imprisonment; Attorneys Plan To Motion for New Trial

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff, spared by a jury from death in the gas chamber and "still very much in love" vowed today to fight their life imprisonment sentences.

The penalty fixed Wednesday by the jury of 10 men and 2 women meant the lovers, who were found guilty of killing the surgeon's wife, will be eligible for parole after serving seven years.

Attorneys for the convicted murderers said they will appeal the case if motions for a new trial are turned down at formal sentencing April 17.

Finch, 43, and Carole, 24, were convicted 10 days ago at their third trial in the shot-in-the-back murder of the surgeon's wife, Barbara Jean, 33, on July 18, 1959.

The state board that rules on parole can withhold it for an indefinite length of time or refuse it completely, depending on the nature of the crime and a convict's behavior in prison.

The lovers reacted with tearful relief and at the same time the shock that came from knowing they might spend the rest of their lives in jail.

"No, no, no," Carole said. "I'll be an old woman when I get out."

She started to sob. Finch, separated from her at the counsel table by her lawyer, Don Bringgold, reached his left hand to touch her right arm and said:

"We'll fight it, darling. We're still alive."

Carole recovered her composure quickly and walked firmly from the courtroom. But Finch, suddenly overcome, put his hand palm down on the table, hung his head and wept for nearly three minutes.

There were pools of tears on the table when he left.

Finch was sentenced to life on both his convictions: for first-degree murder and conspiracy to murder. Carole, his mistress, was sentenced for conspiracy, which, like first-degree murder, carries a punishment of the gas chamber or life.

She also was convicted of second-degree murder, but the judge told the jury to ignore its automatic penalty of five years to life since the conspiracy sentence made it meaningless.

"We'll go as high as the Supreme Court if necessary," said Bringgold. He said he "thanked God" the jury had spared Carole but added: "We will free this girl and prove her innocence to the world. If she is granted a new trial, it will be the beginning of a long, hard fight."

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Senate Committee Hears Praise for Kennedy's Army Modernization Plan

Washington—(UPI)—Army Secretary Elvis J. Stahr Jr. said today President Kennedy's plan to modernize the Army will help it to prevent small local conflicts from spreading into general war.

Stahr made the comments

Stocks Mixed in Active Trading In Early Hours

New York — (UPI) — Stocks were mixed in active trading this morning.

Oils were consistently on the upside, most tacking on fractions and Kern County Land ahead more than a point. Chrysler added over 1 in a slightly higher auto group. Steels stayed narrow.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (UPI) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 877.32, off 1.41; 20 railroads 149.69, off 0.75; 15 utilities 117.13, off 0.13, and 65 stocks 227.44, off 0.58.

Sales Wednesday were about 5.43 million shares compared with 7.08 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	62 3/4
Alum. Co. Am.	75 1/4
American Can	40
American Motors	21
A. T. & T.	42 1/2
American Tobacco	78 3/4
Anasconda Copper	23 1/4
Armco Steel	71 1/4
Bendix Corp.	63 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	49 1/4
Boeing Air	52 1/4
Brunswick	66 1/4
Caterpillar Corp.	33 1/4
Chrysler Corp.	42 1/4
Coca Cola	87 1/4
Continental Can	40
Crown Paper	40 1/4
Curtis Wright	19
Dow Chemical	50 1/4
Eastman Kodak	115
Firestone	42 1/4
General Electric	79 1/4
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General Motors	78 1/4
Georgia Pacific	48 1/4
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Homestead Mining	42 1/4
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Kennecott Copper	85
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Merck	42 1/4
Montana Power	34 1/4
Radio Corporation	58 1/4
Nat'l Biscuit	82
New York Central	10 1/4
Northern Pacific	40 1/4
Pac. Gas. Elec.	79 1/4
Penn. J. C.	14 1/4
Phillips	55 1/4
Proctor and Gamble	105 1/4
Rockwell	55 1/4
Safeway	47 1/4
Sears	59 1/4
Shell Oil	44 1/4
Soco Mobil Oil	43 1/4
Southern Co.	53 1/4
Southern Pacific	24 1/4
Sperry Rand	28 1/4
Standard California	51 1/4
Standard Indiana	60 1/4
Standard N. J.	47 1/4
Sun Mines	7 1/4
Texas Co.	89
Texas Gulf Sulfur	24 1/4
Texas Pac. Land Trust	20 1/4
Transamerica	32 1/4
Trans World Air	17 1/4
Tri-Continental	27 1/4
Union Carbide	32 1/4
Union Pacific	32 1/4
United Aircraft	41 1/4
United Air Lines	43 1/4
U. S. Rubber	53 1/4
U. S. Steel	42 1/4
Westinghouse	42 1/4

in prepared testimony before a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He was accompanied by Gen. George H. Decker, Army chief of staff.

The secretary praised Kennedy's recent proposals to increase the army's manpower, its non-nuclear firepower and its battlefield mobility.

When these modernization programs are put into effect, he said, it will permit Army forces to make "deliberate choices in weapons and strategy" that will reduce the danger of a small war turning into a large one.

Stahr said great mobility is being achieved with the Strategic Army Corps, the Army's "fire brigade" of three battle-ready divisions that can be rushed rapidly to any area in the world.

He also stressed the Army's special forces group capable of organizing guerrilla-type warfare, as of "particular importance now."

"In my opinion," he added, these special forces will be "most likely of increasing importance in the years ahead," in the task of meeting challenges in the form of subversion, insurgency and guerrilla actions.

Warning that the Communists have continued to improve both their nuclear and non-nuclear power, Stahr

said: "We must be prepared to deal swiftly and effectively with military adventures directed against any part of the Free World."

"If we are not so prepared," he declared, "those adventures will multiply and spread."

Supports Missile System
He reiterated the Army's desire to develop its Nike-Zeus antimissile system, despite the administration decision to limit the program and hold off on making it an operational system.

In another development, Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) appeared convinced that U.S. intelligence estimates of Soviet military strength have become more accurate than they were in the past.

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Groups taking part include the Medford public schools all-elementary orchestra, the McLoughlin Junior High orchestra, Hedrick Junior High orchestra, the Medford High school orchestra, and the combined groups.

The concert is under the direction of John E. Drysdale, orchestra supervisor. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and there will be no admittance charge.

Each group will play three selections and, as a finale, the combined groups will present "The Star Spangled Banner."

Individual directors include Elmer Ayres, McLoughlin Junior High and elementary; Miss Alice Saunders, elementary; Al Huntmann, elementary; and Drysdale, elementary, Hedrick Junior High, and Medford High.

The performance is the orchestra complement to the all-school band festival which was held at Hedrick Junior High late last month.

Measures Signed By Gov. Hatfield

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield today signed into law a bill prohibiting further state-ordered sterilization of epileptics.

Other bills signed by the governor:

- HB1104 — Ballot marking.
- HB1129 — Relating to welfare commission reports.
- HB1292 — Relating to state library funds.
- HB1522 — Permitting two polling spots in the same building.
- HB1542 — Relating to motor carriers.

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