



### Dr. Finch Requests Dismissal

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Dr. R. Bernard Finch Monday won the right to argue motions seeking his freedom from charges of murdering his wife on grounds a third trial would place him in double jeopardy.

Superior Court Judge Leroy Dawson set Friday to argue the motions.

Under the law, a defendant cannot be placed under threat twice on the same charge. The once-wealthy surgeon's attorneys based their motions Monday on the fact that the jury in his second trial voted to convict him but was unable to decide on the degree of his alleged guilt.

Both Finch, 43, and his red-haired mistress, Carole Tregoff, 23, entered pleas of "former acquittal" Monday as a result of the second trial jury finding them innocent on murder conspiracy charges Oct. 27.

Finch's attorney, Grant Cooper, contended the jury was improperly discharged by Judge Dawson, who declared a mistrial. The first trial also was declared a mistrial when the jury reported it was unable to reach a verdict.

Miss Tregoff's lawyer also entered the plea Monday that she, too, would be placed in double jeopardy in a third trial on the conspiracy charge. Attorney Don Bringgold contended her acquittal on that charge by the second jury should have been entered as an official verdict before the panel was dismissed.



**BARBARA BOOTH**, president of College of the Siskiyous Women's Club, announces the club will sponsor a formal Christmas dance Dec. 23 in St. Michael's Hall, Weed, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Connie Manlapig's orchestra, Dunsmuir, will furnish music. Theme is "Whisper of Winter." Refreshments will be served.

### Fire Destroys Putman Home Near McCloud

McCLOUD—A fire, believed by firemen to have been caused by a wood-burning heating stove, completely destroyed the home and furnishings and personal effects of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Putman at Chilquin Camp six miles east of here Thursday night.

Forest service fire fighting equipment, McCloud volunteer firemen and a tanker truck from the Hearst Corporation holdings were unable to save the building, due to the distance they had to travel to get to the fire.

Adjacent buildings were wet down and saved by pumper crews. Frozen water pipes hampered fire fighters.

Local charity organizations and individuals donated funds and groceries to assist the family.

A roof fire was extinguished the same night by McCloud firemen at a home on Southern Avenue.

# Welfare Program To Face Legislative Scrutiny

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—California's social welfare program faces legislative scrutiny next session in areas directly affecting children and oldsters.

Scattered bills such as one to increase maximum unemployment benefits from \$55 to \$70 a week are in prospect for the middle years. But none is expected to generate the heat that will surround proposals covering the state's aid to needy children program and medical care for the aged.

ANC's most severe critics are the district attorneys and county counsels association, whose members have charged that the program as administered by the Department of Social Welfare is breeding "immorality and juvenile delinquency."

They have charged that ANC supports women who deliberately give birth to illegitimate children in order to get state aid.

**Restrictions Defeated**  
With association backing, Sen. James A. Cobey, D-Merced, introduced eight bills in the 1959 session that would have put tighter restrictions on women applying for or receiving state aid. But all were defeated or vetoed.

This year, Cobey's committee on labor and welfare held a series of public hearings on ANC. Gov. Edmund G. Brown called a special meeting on it, and several

searches acted on their own. All contributed to what Cobey called "public awareness of the problem" and his conviction that "this time we'll see action."

Director J. M. Wedemeyer of the Welfare Department was preparing to answer his critics with a three-point legislative program.

He wants "closer supervision of recipients to learn why they needed aid and how best to rehabilitate them." He suggested that this could be achieved partially by a state appropriation of \$1 million for county level research programs that would get at "these deeper things."

**Lower Administration Costs**  
He said he will ask for a system of "fixed allowances" that would simplify regulations covering grants to recipients. Such allowances, he said, should reduce the current \$20 million a year administration costs of the ANC program.

He wants a "guide" for district attorneys and welfare officers. It would make clear that the district attorneys "supplement" the Welfare Department in questions of eligibility and not "determine" those questions themselves.

He said he will oppose any attempts by the district attorneys to make eligibility requirements more stringent. "We are not going

to disqualify children on a moral judgment of the mother," he said. Cobey, meanwhile, promised he would support a "balanced program," one that would include some "punitive" measures advocated in 1959 by the District Attorneys' Association and new "positive" measures of his own.

**Medical Care for Aged**  
Moving to medical care for the aged—there were two legislative actions immediately apparent.

The first would follow suggestions from the California Labor Federation and establish a "little Forand bill" in the state. Persons over 65 would receive medical care under a program supported by a 1 per cent tax on all California payrolls now covered by

the disability insurance program. Or the state could join the program approved last summer by Congress. Under its terms, the federal government will make grants to furnish medical care for persons over 65 on relief rolls or who are unable to pay for care. But the state must put up matching funds and estimates are that the federal program would cost California \$20 million.

The alternatives facing the legislature are almost the same as those that faced Congress during the special pre-election session. Should the program be supported by increased payroll taxes or? It was not an easy decision for Congress and probably will be no simpler for California Legislators.

### Reactor Powers Aircraft In Atomic Flight Step

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Engineers from the General Electric Company disclosed Sunday that a small nuclear reactor has powered two jet aircraft engines in the first step toward atomic flight.

The project report was made on the eve of the American Nuclear Society's annual meeting here. The project was kept secret by Atomic Energy Commission edict.

The air-cooled nuclear power plant is known as Htr-3, but referred to by its designers as "heater." Engineers said it has been in operation for two years and has run the twin turbo-jet engines for 120 hours.

The unit is only 32 inches in diameter and 30 inches long—but it pours out 35 million watts of power. It contains 150 uranium fuel elements.

GE said it is now developing an even more advanced unit which will be installed in a delta-winged Conqair plane for flight testing by 1965. It will power the aircraft at 600 miles an hour at an altitude of 35,000 feet, with unlimited range.

GE's test program was announced by Erwin B. Delson, F. W. Mazger and J. D. Simpson of the company's nuclear aircraft

propulsion department in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They are among the 1,000 engineers, scientists, government officials, and atomic energy industry leaders attending this week's technical sessions of the American Nuclear Society.

### VIOLENCE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Police Monday rounded up nearly 100 slogan-shouting Sikh demonstrators demanding autonomy for Punjab State, where their six million compatriots are in the majority. Later, other Sikhs hurled stones, bricks and clubs at the police from balconies of a temple, which police are not permitted to enter.

### GOOD DRAWING CARD

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—The snow canceled many a meeting here Monday night, but 125 Yale students fought their way to one that was too good to pass up. They sat politely as the lecturer spoke on domestic and imported wines. Their thirst for learning was rewarded when the speaker uncorked 36 bottles of wine at the end of the session.

### COS Skiers In Tournery

Olle Youngberg, coach of the newly-organized College of the Siskiyous ski team, said the skiers will participate in the Northern California Intercollegiate Invitational Meet at the Sugar Bowl Jan. 3-15.

They will also ski in the Far West Invitational meet there Feb. 3-5, the junior college meet at Cisco Grove or the Stanford meet at the Sugar Bowl Feb. 17-19 and the Chico Invitational meet at Mount Shasta Ski Bowl March 17-19.

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### Man Is Found Guilty By Jury

MOUNT SHASTA—Kenneth E. Dehlborn, 40, Whiskeytown, was found guilty Thursday, Dec. 8, by a jury in justice court on a charge of drunk driving. He will appear before Judge John Kinstry for sentencing Wednesday, Dec. 14.

The man was arrested by Deputy Police Chief John Brown Sept. 15.

He asked for a jury trial and Oct. 14 was set for the action. This date conflicted with other legal matters scheduled by Dehlborn's attorney, David E. Oits, and a postponement followed.

In the meantime the defendant was hospitalized in Redding. The December date was the first available for all principals.

### Top Students Are Announced

HAPPY CAMP—Honor roll students for the second six-week period of school have been announced by Carl Hamilton, Happy Camp High School vice principal. They are Georgia Stanford, Don Sendek, Tom Wostenberg, Gaylon Lee, Christie Matthiesen, Bill Nowdesha and Coral Higley, perfect averages, and Valerie Grey, Diane Westby, Tom Anderson, Sally Alexander, Allen Lawson, Kenny Hockaday, Carol Atteberry, Peter Louquet, Virginia Dalton, Ray Smith and Cheryl White.

### Grange News

**MT. BOLIVAR**  
CALLAHAN—First and fourth grade degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. John Pellegrine during a meeting of Mt. Bolivar Grange here recently.

Members voted to accept Tommie Tolbert into membership. His initiation was scheduled for the next meeting Dec. 16. The Grange Christmas party is planned for that meeting.

Thomas Wooley, master, presided. Nine members were present. Wooley was appointed grange insurance chairman and Manuel Rais, business organization chairman.

During Lecturer Gladys Woolley's program, a first aid film produced by a local utility company was shown. Refreshments were served.

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