

Convict tries to fire lawyers to stop execution appeal

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SALT LAKE CITY — Gary Mark Gilmore, a convicted murderer scheduled to face a firing squad on Nov. 15, has tried to fire his lawyers to keep them from appealing the execution.

Craig Snyder, one of two court-appointed defense attorneys, yesterday said he would ask the court to appoint new counsel for Gilmore, but that he planned to go ahead with the motion for a stay of execution. "There is a question, and a substantial one, as to whether he has the right personally to die on the 15th or at any time that might be set," Snyder said. Appeal of a death sen-

tence is not mandatory in Utah. Snyder said he and Public Defender Michael Esplin had been notified by the 35-year-old Gilmore that he no longer wanted them to represent him. But Snyder said he questioned whether Gilmore was capable of deciding what was best because of the pressures he is under.

On Monday, Gilmore, who has spent 18 years in state and federal prisons, told District Judge J. Robert Bullock that he wanted to go through with the scheduled execution "because I don't want to spend the rest of my life in jail."

"You sentenced me to die. Unless it's a joke or something, I want to go ahead and do it."

Gilmore was sentenced to death in October by a jury that convicted him of killing a Provo motel clerk during a holdup last summer. The state gives the condemned a choice of death by firing squad or hanging. Gilmore said he preferred to be shot.

Bullock ordered Gilmore to undergo a psychiatric evaluation, including a determination of his state of mind and factors that might have made him decide not to appeal.

Gilmore was a parolee when he was arrested in July and charged with killing the clerk and another man in the Provo area. He is still scheduled to be tried for the second slaying.

Carter claims victory

Ford to give up power

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a transitional office in Washington right away.

President Ford publicly conceded defeat shortly after 10 a.m. CST yesterday. Earlier in the day he had called Carter in Plains to congratulate him.

But Ford supporters said the President's voice was so hoarse from his campaign efforts that his chief of staff, Richard Cheney, had to relay the message.

Carter, in a statement from Plains, said, "I deeply appreciate the President's call and his gracious expression of congratulations and cooperations. I expressed my admiration for him and for the strong, well-planned and effective campaign that he ran."

Carter said he would take full advantage of Ford's offer of cooperation during the transition period.

In Washington, his voice barely above a whisper, Ford told reporters at the White House that in the 78 days until Carter's inauguration on Jan. 20 "there's a lot of work to do and we're going to keep on doing it."

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Ford plans to continue pursuing an arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union as well as peace initiatives in the Middle East and Southern Africa.

On domestic policy, Nessen noted that the outgoing president still has responsibility for submitting a proposal for a fiscal 1978 budget to Congress shortly after it convenes in January.

After that, Ford, who spent 25 years in Congress before being elevated to the White House after the resignation of Richard Nixon, has no definite plans, Nessen said.

"He's talked of an interest in teaching political science at a university," Nessen said.

Ford plans to leave Sunday for a week-long vacation in Palm Springs, Calif.

Mondale and Carter have talked on the telephone but have not seen each other since the balloting.

Mondale was in Minneapolis yesterday where he said the efforts toward a government transition were well underway. He said he planned on having a "significant role" in Carter's administration.

After spending the day relaxing with his family, the vice president-elect met with reporters and said he hoped to work effectively with the Senate, which will be made up largely of fellow Democrats.

There was one quick negative reaction to Carter's election. Wall Street analysts said the stock market, with its normal GOP leanings, was jolted by the Democratic win. They blamed a 16-point decline in the Dow Jones average on the Carter election. The market cut those losses by almost half

that amount by the time trading ended.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, the losing vice presidential candidate, returned to Washington yesterday. He said he doesn't believe the defeat of the Ford-Dole ticket is a sign the country is moving leftward politically.

"The majority of the country is moderate to conservative," Dole told a news conference. "Southern pride prevailed, not liberalism."

When Carter takes office in January, it will put the Democrats in control of the two elected branches of the federal government for the first time since 1969, when Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson turned over the White House to Richard M. Nixon, a Republican whose party was the minority in Congress.

The party lineup in the Senate remained 62 Democrats to 38 Republicans after Tuesday's elections, even though there was an unusually high turnover among senators. Seventeen new senators will take seats in January, eight Democrats and nine Republicans. Eight of the new faces will replace veterans who didn't run for reelection. But the other nine defeated incumbents.

In the House, Democrats may add as many as three seats to the 290 to 145 majority they held in the last Congress. Four House races are not decided. The Democrats hold a slim lead in four of those. In races decided so far, the lineup is 289 Democrats and 142 Republicans.

The Democrats picked up one more governorship to bring their total to 37. There now are only 12 Republican governors and one independent.


But the Republicans won the gubernatorial race in the biggest state that elected a chief executive on Tuesday. James Thompson, a former prosecutor, won big in Illinois to give control of that state's administration back to the GOP after four years in Democratic hands.

Washington State elected Dixy Lee Ray, a Democrat, governor. Miss Ray, a former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was an assistant secretary of state until she quit after a dispute with Henry Kissinger. She will be the nation's second woman governor. The other is Gov. Ella Grasso of Connecticut, also a Democrat.

Carter aides, discussing characteristics the public might expect in the new administration, said the Cabinet might be filled with "people you've probably never heard of."

Hamilton Jordan, who was Carter's campaign manager, predicted that "there'll be a lot of new faces." Jack Watson, an Atlanta lawyer heading the Carter transition, said he thinks the White House staff will be smaller and less authoritarian than under Nixon or Ford.

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MURPHYSBORO, Ill. — While America munches frozen dinners and such exotic dishes as Lobster Thermidor and Chicken Tetrazzini, Helen Walker Linsenmeyer evangelizes for simple fare.

The 70-year-old librarian is hoping to capitalize on what she calls "the nostalgia binge" with her new book: "Cooking Plain."

"There are no elaborate, fancy recipes such as we have today," she said. Instead, her recipes, saved from generations of Southern Illinois, Indiana and Missouri families, feature the kind of fare that kept the settlers alive — fried squirrel, venison roast and molasses taffy.

Her book allows kitchen artists to recreate the mead wine served to militiamen of Jackson County, as well as sumac lemonade, Mrs. Linsenmeyer said.

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