

Death Sentence Is 8th In 11 Years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Caryl Chessman, who has evaded execution for 11½ years, was condemned Monday to die — for the eighth time.

Judge Herbert V. Walker set Feb. 19 as the date the onetime "redlight bandit" of Los Angeles should die in the gas chamber.

Even as he was being sentenced his lawyers were launching complex legal moves to keep him alive.

"We have two legal avenues to pursue," said lawyer A.L. Wirin. "They may take months and months to process."

One involves going back to the U.S. Supreme Court where Chessman's case has been heard half a dozen times.

WRIT PENDING

Another involves returning to a writ of habeas corpus. Chessman has pending in U.S. district court in San Francisco.

Both moves, like most of the legal steps that have kept Chessman alive since 1948, are based on what his lawyers term "inadequacy of the record of his trial."

In May, 1948, Chessman was convicted of 17 crimes committed by a bandit who roved the Hollywood hills in a car equipped with red lights pretending to be a police officer and then robbing men and raping women.

Two of the crimes were kidnapping for robbery with bodily injury (rape) which calls for the death penalty in California.

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After he was sentenced the court reporter who took notes at his trial died. Another reporter transcribed the first man's notes.

Chessman has used this as the basis for a long succession of writs, appeals and petitions.

"These aren't technicalities," said Wirin, who is representing Chessman as a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union. "There's no such thing as a technicality when a man's life is at stake."

Chessman wasn't in court Monday. Resentencing is routine after an appeal has been denied. Chessman filed for a writ of

habeas corpus in San Francisco federal court on the grounds of the allegedly improper trial transcript.

The matter went to the U.S. Supreme Court. The court's ruling won Chessman a hearing in a Los Angeles superior court. The court approved the transcript with certain corrections.

The California Supreme Court approved the corrected transcript and the U.S. Supreme Court denied his petition that it review the transcript.

Chessman's lawyers now will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider.


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Willard Carruthers of Halifax motored to Howlan on Saturday, Dec. 12. On return the same evening he was accompanied by his mother Mrs. Bruce Carruthers.

His wife is ill at their home at Halifax.

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