

U.S. JURY FIND 'MERCY KILLER' INNOCENT

Mercy-killer Carol Ann Paigt goes free. Told at her home in Connecticut that her father was dying of cancer, Carol took his revolver, went into the woods to make sure she could fire it, and then went to the Stamford hospital. There she shot her father with his own revolver. Later, Carol told police she had killed him because she couldn't bear seeing him suffer. Held in Fairfield County Prison, 21-year-old Carol admitted the 'mercy-killing' - pleading in her defence that temporary insanity caused by the anguish at her father's suffering made her do it. Her trial had to be postponed several times, because a jury free of prejudice could not be found. Mercy-killing is not countenanced by law and the jury finds Carol - here with her mother and brother - to have been temporarily insane and acquits her of murder.