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CHESSMAN - THE END.

The incredible drama at St. Quentin Penitentiary is over. Caryl Chessman, has been executed. In the gas chamber he breathed the poison fumes that terminated his life. He held a Press Conference, pending what was to be his last appeal of all. 12 years ago Caryl Chessman was sentenced to death for sex crimes, kidnapping and robbery.

A telephone wrong number beat him at last; for after a dozen years of one stay of execution after another, a judge's secretary dialled incorrectly and the prison didn't get the ball in time. The gas chamber in Condemned Row claimed its victim after all. One of the last to see him alone was Ralph Champion, of the London 'Daily Mirror'. Execution twelve years after sentence raises strange issues.