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Third Murder Trial Ordered for Preacher

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ALBANY, N. Y., April 23—For the second time, the Court of Appeals today reversed a murder conviction against the Rev. George P. Hetenyi, who was sentenced to die in the slaying of his wife.

The State's highest tribunal, in a 4-3 decision, ordered a third trial for the former Episcopal supply minister from the town of Amherst, a Buffalo suburb.

Hetenyi, now 43, was convicted of second-degree murder on February 16, 1950, at Rochester and sentenced to 50 years to life.

The Appellate Division of State Supreme Court reversed that conviction and was affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

Hetenyi was convicted of first-degree murder in his second trial, also at Rochester, last May, and was sentenced to die.

Hetenyi was convicted on charges of shooting his wife, the former Mrs. Jean Gareis of Oakland, Calif., three years ago today.

Hetenyi, once ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in Hungary, came to the United States in 1938 and served as a Greek Orthodox chaplain in defense plants in California, where he met and married Mrs. Gareis.

He later served a Methodist church and a Congregational church. Then he became an Episcopal minister and served churches in Texas and later in Western New York.