



Sgt. McKeon between lawyers Bernan (left) and Morton Janklow. (AP)

'No Apology' Owed, Marine Counsel Says

Night Hike Called Part Of Method

By CHARLES L. WEST
PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—The Marine maintained today that Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon owed no apology to anyone for the night march in which six Marine recruits drowned.

By CHARLES KIRALP
Charlotte News Staff Writer
A group of Charlotte ex-Marines who took their basic training at Parris Island, S. C., strongly defended Sgt. Matthew McKeon today.

"When I was in the Marines, the drill instructor's word was law," John R. Klein said. "We were never forced to march through water—but the DI could do anything he wanted to, and everybody knew it."

Mr. Klein himself a staff sergeant in the Marine Reserve now, said he would send the defense lawyers a telegram.

One former Marine, who asked not to be identified, said he had already sent a telegram to the Marine lawyers.

Few Tar Heels Demanding Say On School Proposals

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Nobility is getting trampled in the rush to speak up in public hearings at the special session of the General Assembly next week.

Only four requests for time to be heard have been received by clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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STORY HEARINGS

The public hearings, set to start at 9:20 a. m. Tuesday, will be short if the present apathy continues.

At least one outspoken organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, let it be known yesterday that it will not seek time.

Senate Clerk S. Ray Beverly of Sanford told The News today he had received only one request for speaking time.

The request was received this morning and came from William F. Brantley of Bunn, Mr. Brantley said only that he "would like to be heard."

THREE FOR HOUSE

House clerk Miss Annie E. Cooper said she had received three requests.

C. E. DeVane of Raleigh, chairman of the legislative committee of the North Carolina Teachers Association, requested time.

The North Carolina Teachers Association is an organization of Tar Heel Negro school teachers and principals.

Yesterday a request was received from Rev. Morris A. Kidd of the Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill. He requested time as president of the Chapel Hill (Carver) Ministerial Association.

He did not say whether he would speak for or against proposed legislation.

TO SPEAK AGAINST

Another request received yesterday came from Paul E. Moore of Raleigh who said he would speak against the measures. He did not say whether he was speaking as an individual or for a group.

Since the Assembly will not convene until noon on Monday, no schedule can be set for the public hearings. All requests have been acknowledged and the applicants have been asked to say how much time will be needed.

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One Arrest Ordered

Resigned Auditor Tells His Story

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Orville E. Hodge, who quit as Illinois state auditor in the midst of an investigation of the tangled financial affairs of his department, went to the state attorney's office today to tell his story.

The tall, 51-year-old Republican politician, appeared for a conference with George P. Contran, the Sangamon County prosecutor.

Contran has said that Hodge had promised to make a complete statement.

IRREGULARITIES TOLD
The prosecutor is investigating alleged irregularities involving more than a half million dollars in state funds.

Hodge was accompanied by his lawyer, Arthur M. Fitzgerald. Newsmen asked a flurry of questions, but Hodge declined to answer them.

The first arrest in the case already had been ordered. Contran obtained a warrant charging Edward A. Epping, top aide of Hodge, with embezzling 15 state auditor warrants. The warrants—orders to pay, similar to checks—added up to \$130,000.

The Sangamon County sheriff's office said it had been notified that Epping will appear in the state attorney's office with his lawyer this afternoon.



MR. HODGE

Remarried Navy Told First May Be Alive

WASHINGTON (AP)—The future looks confusing to Mrs. Donald Jarrell, remarried "widow" of a lost American aviator whom the Government now accuses the Russians of holding prisoner.

The comely 31-year-old brunette told a reporter last night about the tangle that started with word that her husband, Navy Lt. Howard W. Seeschaf, was copilot of a Privateer patrol plane which went down in the Baltic April 8, 1950. This is the outline:

The Navy sent word that Seeschaf was presumed dead.

On that basis she later married Donald Jarrell and bore him a daughter, Mary Jiles Jarrell, now 3 1/2 years old.

They were separated in 1954. A few months later, in early 1955, she got her first inkling that Seeschaf might be alive. A man released by the Soviets after 10 years of forced labor suggested "there's a chance" Seeschaf and other members of the Privateer's crew might be in a Red prison camp.

She is now waiting for a divorce from Jarrell to become final in four months.

Two Sleeping Convicts Die Under Train

GREENVILLE (AP)—Two fleeing convicts who went to sleep on a railroad trestle were killed by a train early this morning.

Shelby Ruel E. Tyson reported.

The two, identified as William Reid, 37, and Owen M. Smith, 24, escaped from the Beaufort County Prison Camp around noon Monday.

Prison officials had described them as potentially dangerous and had launched an intensive search.

The two were struck by a Norfolk Southern freight train around 4 a. m. The engineer told officers he saw one of the men raise his head, but it was too late to stop.

Reid, whose home was listed as Seville, Ohio, and whose mother lives at Rt. 2, Jefferson, Ga., was sentenced in Wake County in June, 1953, to six to eight years for armed robbery. Court records showed he held up a tourist court operator at Knute point and robbed him of \$32.

Smith was sentenced in Pender County in March, 1955, to five years for hit and run and reckless driving.

The two men were honor graders at the Beaufort camp.

There were two minor events in that fatal day, minor ones. Other drill instructors reported that the platoon which was supposed to be working was indeed rolling around. A field day was ordered.

"It was an order of the senior sergeant," he said.

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Second Eye Removed Boy Gives Up Sight In Fight For Life

By F. T. MACFEELEY
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A surgeon's knife today left young Mike Sibole blind forever.

It was a matter of blindness or death.

The tragic operation took 41 minutes. It had started at 8:10 a. m.

Cancer caused removal of his remaining eye—the left.

When he waked this morning, it was the 4-year-old's last hairy look at his world.

His parents brought Mike to the hospital. Mrs. Henry Malone of Miami, a grandmother, accompanied them.

APPEARS SLEEPY
Mike bounded up the steps, but there appeared to be a sleepy frown on his face.

He wore a blue and white checked shirt, navy blue shorts and red and blue socks.

His brown hair was slicked down.

After the operation, his gown will be one with circus animals on it.

In his private room—overlooking a lake which Mike will never see again—were two vases of flowers containing mums, red gladiolus, red roses and yellow and blue asters.

Seven other children were in the hospital today for minor surgery.

Hospital Sup't. John H. Rauch said it was a normal day—except for the publicity surrounding Mike's case.

Cancer has been working at Mike's eyes for some time. The right eye was removed two years ago.

At that time doctors hoped the disease could be held in check as the left eye. But it appeared three later.

Doctors found that in similar cases removal of the eye saved the patient's life. The disease is believed to be hereditary.



MATHEMATICS TEACHER Ruth Sakovich of Beaufort, N. C., shaves John Binetti in a barber shop she operates at Hampton Beach, N. H., during the summer. The young lady, in addition to teaching and barbering, is studying for a master's degree in psychology at Columbia University. (AP Wirephoto).

Evening Prayer

Dear Saviour of the world, in faith we turn to Thee. Other things have failed us, but Thou never failest. Thy promise of eternal life is ever ours. Draw us and our world unto Thee in deeper faith. Amen.

Constable Faces Two Charges

GASTONIA (AP)—Township Constable Boyce Les Brandon will be called to trial here tomorrow on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The warrant charges that he went to a drive-in restaurant in a drunken condition, drew a gun and went from car to car ordering people to leave the premises.

Carl Nivens, owner of the restaurant, said he scuffled with Brandon and knocked him down, taking his gun. Sheriff Dwight Beam made the arrest.

Brandon said later that he went to the restaurant Saturday night because nearby residents had complained about the noise from the juke box.

"It's all so confusing," she said, "so vague and uncertain. It always has been."

Army Hopes Curfew To End Crime Outbreak

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—The U. S. Army imposed a curfew today on its 25,000 troops in Germany in an effort to curb crime.

An order issued by Gen. Henry I. Hodges requires soldiers to be in their quarters by midnight on evenings prior to duty days, and by 1 a. m. on evenings prior to non-duty days.

"This command has been increasingly disturbed in recent weeks by unfortunate incidents involving American soldiers and German civilians," Hodges said.

"These incidents, with the attendant widespread publicity, constitute a threat to the splendid relationship between the U. S. Army in Europe and the people of the Federal Republic of Germany."

He said the curfew was ordered to help cut the incident rate to a bare minimum.

"Such action," Hodges said, "will insure that our combat units remain combat-ready and should militate against early morning incidents."

FEVER PITCH
German reaction against soldier crimes involving Germans, which has included killings and rape, had reached a fever pitch for the first time since the end of World War II. German newspapers declare there are more such crimes now than ever before. The Army has maintained its crime rate was not out of line.

Prior to the curfew order, soldiers were permitted to stay out all night in most cases until they went on duty the following morning.

Hodges said pass privileges will be examined carefully throughout the command and passes will be denied soldiers "who have shown they do not deserve them."

Our Weather

Fair with moderate temperatures today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning . . . 70
Low tomorrow morning . . . 68
High today . . . 87
High yesterday . . . 82
High tomorrow . . . 88
Sunrise today, 5:21 a. m.;
sunset today, 7:37 p. m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Girl Returned To Parents

GREENSBORO (AP)—A 4-year-old girl was returned to her parents here today after an enforced absence of 14 weeks.

The child, Myra Ingle, was taken from Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ingle of Whitsitt by emergency order of the Guilford County District Relations Court after it was learned that her parents had refused to allow medical treatment for severe burns she had suffered Feb. 23. They cited religious convictions. She was taken under supervision of the court April 11.

She apparently has recovered from skin grafts she received at Duke Hospital. The parents, members of Jehovah's Witnesses, a religious sect, refused to give their consent for such treatment because it would involve blood transfusions.

Judge B. Gordon Greiner ruled yesterday that Myra could be returned to the custody of the county Welfare Department and gave permission for her to be returned to her parents.

Go First to FIELDS—Expert Watch Repairs. (Adv.)

—What's Inside—

How Does A Beauty Get Ready For Big Chance?

MISS CHARLOTTE's preparations for the state beauty contest, which may lead to a fling at Atlantic City, are recorded by News photographers and a reporter. Story and pictures on Page 13-A.

LOOKING FOR a stuffed lion on wheels? Or a pack of cigarettes only 22 years old? Or a 1954 midsize peewee car set? If so, Earl Cash has them in his unique antique shop in Salisbury. Ruth Cashion takes you on a tour of the shop on page 9B.

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