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# DEATH MARCH DI BOOTED OUT MARINES; GETS 9 MONTHS

## Acceptance, Anger Greet DI Verdict

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parents of marines who drowned in the night disciplinary march led by S. Sgt. Matthew McKean today greeted the verdict of his court-martial with quiet acceptance and anger. "We want to see reform in the system. We do not seek revenge against the sergeant," said Mrs. Douglas Aaron Wood of Bay Shore, N. Y., who lost her son, Norman Alfred Wood, 19. The military court cleared McKean of manslaughter but convicted him on two lesser counts — negligent homicide and violation of a general order against drinking on duty. Through a member of her family, Mrs. Pearl Thompson, mother of LeRoy Thompson, 18, of Brooklyn, said "there is no statement now. There will be no statement later."



McKean nervously twists curtain cord as he awaits decision, breaks into smile when he hears the verdict. (AP)

## Spectators Greet News With Gasps

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—Marine S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKean was ordered kicked out of the Marine Corps, reduced to private and confined at hard labor for nine months for the drowning of six recruits last April 8.

The Marines in the courtroom gasped as the stern court martial president Col. Edward L. Hutchinson read the sentence.

McKean, standing at rigid attention, seemed to slump wearily as he heard the words.

The seven-man court-martial — six Marines and a Navy doctor — required four hours and 15 minutes to reach a sentence.

McKean "technically" was given a bad conduct discharge, which is less than honorable, was fined \$30 a month for nine months and given nine months at hard labor.

As the jury left the room, McKean was asked how he felt about the verdict. His eyes filled with tears and he spread his hands in a gesture of helplessness. He seemed unable to get any words out.

"No comment," said McKean. "No comment, let's get out of here," Defense Atty. Emil Zola Bernan said brusquely. The sergeant's 27-year-old wife, Betty, who expects her third child next week, seemed completely dumbfounded by the sentence. She was dry-eyed as she told reporters: "I don't even know what they said."

The stiffness of the sentence was totally unexpected here since the Marine's commanding Gen. Randolph McC. Pate, had told the court the most he would have done would have been to reduce McKean by one grade and give him a transfer.

Before the sentence is carried out it must be reviewed by the secretary of the Navy, Charles S. Thomas, who ordered the court-martial.

If Thomas approves, McKean still has recourse to an appeal to the Court of Military Appeals in Washington which is a sort of supreme court for the armed forces. A board of review automatically will study the sentence since it involves a punitive discharge. For McKean the sentence was a terrible financial blow. It executed, his family income will drop from \$21.20 a month to \$23.4 a month and it will be from this amount that the \$30 fine will be taken each month.

McKean was convicted last night by the stern-faced court-martial officers on two relatively minor charges — negligent homicide and possessing alcohol in barracks in violation of a general order.

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## Evening Prayer

O God, grant that we may pass this day in peace with the consciousness of Thy presence. Help us not to be dismayed in the face of difficulties, but to press bravely on, confident of Thy companionship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THAT Rocket Still Fretting Uncle Sam

Jimmy Blackmon's ground-bound six-foot rocket is still the object of worried consultations in the U. S. Army.

It got an official inspection yesterday from Jack Williams, assistant chief inspector for ordnance at the Charlotte Nike plant and Maj. G. L. Loring, the plant's officer in charge.

Jimmy said the two asked him if he would be interested in building a rocket that was maybe a little smaller.

WASHINGTON REPORT  
Maj. Loring sent a report to Washington on the missile's capabilities today. The office of the

Chief of Ordnance will have the final say on whether Jimmy can use an Army rocket range to shoot his home-made V-12.

After The Charlotte News asked the Pentagon for rocket-firing privileges for Jimmy, his problem became a matter of national concern.

Morgan Beatty (NBC) and newspapers all over the nation have called attention to 17-year-old Jimmy's dilemma.

The teenage rocketeer is hoping for an answer from the Army soon.

## Escape Electric Chair

## Youths Convicted Of Rape Charges

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Two teenage youths who broke into a Norfolk home June 13 and raped a 14-year-old girl have been sent to prison by a judge who told them they were lucky to escape the electric chair.

Robert Michael Kijala, 19, a Navy sailor from Carteret, N.J., and Larry Mallette, 16, of Norfolk, were convicted in Corporation Court of both burglary and rape. Kijala received eight years on each of the two charges, the sentences to run concurrently. Mallette was sentenced to an indeterminate term and ordered committed to Beaumont Correctional School near Richmond.

Judge H. Lawrence Bullock said "the only thing" in favor of the two "is their youth." Noting that each had appeared to take the trial lightly, he added:

SAT, SNICKERED  
"They sat there and snickered in an hour when they could be sentenced to the electric chair."

Kijala and Mallette had pleaded guilty.

Testimony was that the two had gone to the home of the girl, a neighbor of the Mallette family in Merrimack Park, June 13, and that the girl had refused to let them in the house. When she slammed the door, police said, Mallette tore a screen from a window near the door and the two youths entered. Later, evidence indicated, each raped the girl.

Judge Bullock remarked that though "the leadership appeared to be in the 17-year-old" (Mallette) the conduct of the youths in essence "was just alike."

The two were captured after

neighbors chased them from the house and summoned police. Neither Kijala nor Mallette testified at the trial.

The assaulted girl testified for the prosecution and said she was now pregnant as a result of the attack.

## Big Three Await Response To Call

LONDON (AP)—The Western Big Three awaited response today to their call for a 24-nation conference to work out a peaceful solution to the Suez Canal crisis.

Facing them was a fresh accusation from Egypt that her rights had been ignored in this week's London talks on the Canal quest.

But in the criticism Egypt neither accepted nor rejected an invitation to the Aug. 16 conference on international control of the waterway. Diplomatic sources here have said the conference would be held regardless of whether Egypt attends.

Britain and France meantime pushed ahead with military preparations in case peaceful means to settle the issue fail.

## Junior And Trusty Tube Rescue Four

VIDOR, Tex. (AP)—A sudden whirlpool in the Sabine River threatened to turn a family outing into tragedy yesterday, but nine-year-old Mack Davis rescued his father and three girls with his trusty inner tube.

Mary, Joyce and June McLin were swimming when the whirlpool suddenly formed. Screams brought Hubert Davis of Houston to the rescue.

While other members of the picnic party stood aghast, Mack pulled away from his Mother's arms and dashed into the water with his inner tube. He swam to near the swirling water and pushed the inner tube to his father, then swam away. His father, with the aid of the tube, was able to rescue the girls.

The Davis family is visiting the McLins.

## Could County Save Money With Full-Time 'Shopper'?

By CHARLES KURALT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

When County Commissioners Sam McInch and J. Herbert Garrison went out on a couple hours after the other day and bought a bait for the County Police Dept., they were within their rights under the law.

But that's not the way it's usually done.

Ordinarily, there's a good deal of shopping around before tax money is spent for the tools of government — and yet, according to Commission Chairman Sid McAden, "there's room for improvement" in the whole system of county purchasing.

Mr. McAden ought to know. He's the purchasing agent.

Actually, Mr. McAden's Scotch eye for a bargain has saved the county well hundreds of times. Every expenditure from the general county fund comes across his desk for approval, and it's not unusual for him to kick a buck into a better price comes along.

SHARP CONTRAST  
But the county's purchasing system contrasts sharply with that of the city, where a full-time, expert purchasing agent with a three-man staff presides with eagle eye over every penny (except for salaries) the city spends — more than \$3 million a year.

City Purchasing Agent Erskine Beatty knows as much about fire engines as firemen, as much about superwriters as office suppliers. He has to.

As a result, he has saved the city \$83,000 during the past five years in the purchase of police and firemen's uniforms alone. He talked the city into switching from metal to concrete meter boxes three years ago—a switch that has saved \$25,000 already.

He has slashed the cost of crushed stone \$34,000 in three years, and the cost of tires by 50 per cent.

NOT TYPICAL  
The county's purchase of that \$1,300 boat is not typical of the way buying is carried on in the

county government. It adds up to this: Items costing over \$1,000 are advertised for bids, and the County Commission passes on the bids, usually awarding con-

tracts to the low bidder. Items costing under \$1,000 are requisitioned by departments and passed on by Chairman McAden.

"If there's any possibility of controversy," Mr. McAden says, he takes even the smaller expenditures to the commission for approval.

This centralized purchasing is provided for by state law, so as to prevent waste and duplication in purchasing and to obtain the advantage of purchasing in larger quantities.

The added advantage, though the law doesn't mention it, is to let someone who knows good products where he sees them, and knows where to find them.

Over the years, Mr. McAden, whom the board has designated purchasing agent, has become pretty good at the job.

OWN METHODS  
He has his own methods of finding out about products. Right now, for example, he's testing a new kind of fluorescent light in his own office. It costs 30 per cent more than the traditional type—but it casts less glare and lasts twice as long. He's thinking about using it everywhere in the Courthouse.

Mr. McAden, despite his home-grown talent at the job of purchasing, says the county has grown so large that it could use a special purchasing agent.

He has his doubts about whether the job would occupy a man full time—but soon, he says, county purchasing is going to grow so extensive that the chairman of the board can't handle it.

County Commissioners can appoint a special purchasing agent any time they wish.

State law gives them the authority to name a "competent person, either a member of the board or some other officer or agent of the county" and to prescribe his duties.

THE EXCEPTIONS  
City and county school expenditures, by the way, are outside the purchasing agent's realm. The school boards are state agencies and use the state purchasing system (though there is no law against their buying materials and supplies through

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## Shakeup In Portland

## Police Chief Faces Corruption Charge

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The grand jury, investigating vice and corruption, jailed Portland by indicting Police Chief James Purcell Jr. last night.

Purcell denied any wrongdoing and said he would welcome the opportunity of having the facts of the case presented in open court.

The 20-year veteran of the Portland Police Department nervously drummed his fingers on the counter as he was booked on a charge of "incompetency, delinquency and malfeasance in office."

Maximum sentence if convicted could be one year in prison and a \$500 fine.

The indictment, which capped a 9-week probe, accused Purcell of willfully failing to report and prosecute gamblers, bootleggers and prostitutes.

He also was accused of failing to halt the alleged acceptance of bribes by some members of the 700-man police force.

The indictment was one of 22 returned by the jury. More than a score of other persons, including

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## Our Weather

Partly cloudy with moderate temperatures today, tonight and Sunday.  
Low this morning ..... 69  
Low tomorrow morning 67  
High today ..... 84  
High yesterday ..... 76  
High tomorrow ..... 85  
Sunrise today 5:34 a.m.; sunset today 7:23 p.m.

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Charlie Adler Co. Roofing, Ph. FR 6-0385, Home ED 3-0833, Adv.

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secy. of State Dulles has outlined a possible compromise plan for ending the Suez Canal dispute by placing the waterway under international operation while "fully" protecting Egypt's "legitimate interests."

On the basis of statements made by Dulles in a special radio-TV report last night, the United States is relying on "moral force"—rather than military measures—and a forthcoming 24-nation conference to work out a settlement of the problem posed by Egypt's

recent seizure of the vital waterway.

Under the plan Dulles sketched, Egypt would be assured of "a fair and reasonable income" from the traffic through the canal and apparently its ownership would be recognized. But Egypt would have to agree in operation by an international agency.

"VASTLY DISTURBED"  
Dulles spoke to the nation from the White House several hours after returning from urgent London talks on the crisis in introducing the secretary. President Eisenhower described himself as "vastly disturbed" by Egypt's seizure action. It was Eisenhower's first formal TV appearance since his major operation June 9 during the Korean war in London. American, British and French diplomats agreed to call the conference on the Suez crisis in London Aug. 16.

President Nasser would comment on the invitation today. The Soviet Union so far has not indicated whether it will attend. During the past year, Russia has backed many of Egypt's policies.

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Dulles Reveals Suez Plan As Ike Listens Solemnly. (AP)

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