

Youth Urging Atom Raid Found of Unsound Mind

A 22-year-old college student, who came to Washington to persuade the Government to use the atomic bomb "before the Russians use it on us" was found to be of unsound mind yesterday in Municipal Court.

The young man, David Harrison of Chicago, came to Washington last month, took a room in a Northwest rooming house and sent a letter containing his ideas to President Eisenhower. The letter, addressed to "The Coward in the White House," was intercepted by the Secret Service.

Yesterday, before a jury of four women and eight men, young Harrison explained his action:

"The Russians have no inhibitions on the size of their armor, and they're going to hit us as soon as they can with everything they've got."

Speaks Quietly

He spoke quietly but with earnestness. Obviously intelligent, he answered questions directly and clearly. He said he had studied the lives and works of such military leaders as Napoleon, Caesar and Genghis Khan to arrive at a "balanced view" of the world situation. He wore an open plaid shirt, a college-type sweater and he plucked occasionally at his grey flannel slacks. The handsome, slender youth's hair was cut in crew-cut style.

Two District General Hospital psychiatrists who had examined him said he is suffering from schizophrenia of a "chronic and severe" paranoid type. They said he has grandiose thoughts and is obsessed by a feeling of power, but that under treatment he has a good chance of being cured and returned to society.

The young man said the psychiatrists had misunderstood what he told them. He said that, when he described his fantasies to them, he was using "figurative

speech, rather than literal—in short, it was poetic usage." He said he knew perfectly well when he was having fantasies and knew that they were not real.

The young man said he attended The Citadel in Charleston, S. C. Shortly after he returned there to start his third year, in the fall of 1953, he underwent a "religious conversion."

Medical Discharge

He entered the Army the following March and was honorably discharged six months later for medical reasons. After working at a job in Albuquerque, N. Mex., he came here in April "to see what he could do."

Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Snider asked him if, in his study of religious literature, he had formed an opinion of the New Testament.

"I try not to follow it, because I believe it holds a man back, with its ideas of no money, poverty, chastity and that," he said. "But I have to fall back on it sometimes."

After deliberating about half an hour, the jury returned its finding, and Judge Mary Barlow ordered the youth held for commitment to a mental institution for treatment.

U. S. Soldier Sentenced

KOBE, Japan, May 27 (AP).—The Japanese District Court yesterday convicted Pvt. Edward C. Hotalen, 20, Atlanta, Ga., of robbing and injuring two taxi drivers last October. It sentenced him to four years at hard labor. He remained in Army custody pending an appeal.

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Accord Is Reported On Alabama Project

FLORENCE, Ala., May 27 (AP).

—The Florence Times yesterday said Gov. James E. Folsom and Reynolds Metals Co. officials have reached an agreement under which a \$16 million addition to its Muscle Shoals area facilities will be constructed as planned.

Richard B. Reynolds, jr., president of the company, had said earlier that the major expansion of its production facilities might be moved to another State because of proposed Alabama tax laws.

The Times said State Senator Lynchmore Cantrell notified the newspaper that Gov. Folsom and Reynolds officials have worked out an agreement which insures that the addition will be built at Sheffield.

2 Convicts Guilty In Police Assault

Two men, serving long prison terms, were convicted late yesterday by a jury of two charges of assault with a dangerous weapon in striking two District Jail guards with soft drink bottles last September.

The two are John W. McCord, 26, formerly of the 1900 block of Savannah place S.E., who is serving a sentence of from 3 to 9 years for housebreaking, and Mack Bryant, 25, formerly of the 300 block of Oakdale street N.W., who is serving from 8 to 28 years for robbery. Both are colored.

The jury, in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia, found each man guilty on two assault counts. At the same

time, the jury acquitted both men on a charge of attempting to escape jail.

Judge F. Dickinson Letts, who presided at the trial, referred the case to the probation officer for a pre-sentence investigation.

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