

# McKeon's Defense Lawyer Makes Marines Aware of Tough Chore

Paris Island, S. C.—A defense lawyer with a startling case of Emile Zola Berman has made the Marines aware they have a very tough customer in the defender of S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon.

That lawyer, Emile Zola Berman, is a former Marine and a former prisoner of war. He is the only lawyer in the world who has been a prisoner of war and a Marine.

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discharged a lieutenant colonel. He also had served in several courts martial and gained the experience as valuable here.

His associates say Berman is unimpaired at commanding the attention of a jury.

You know he can talk absolute nonsense," said an attorney who has known him for 25 years, "and unless you pay the closest attention to what he actually is saying, you will find yourself in a bad agreement."

But Berman hasn't been talking nonsense here. He is convinced that American forces suffered huge and unnecessary losses in World War II out of lack of training and that the Marine Corps—and in turn McKeon—are entirely justified in toughening up recruits.

Berman took the case without pay after being approached by a committee of New York jurists and lawyers who had seen him in action over 30 years. His younger brother, Alfred, also a lawyer, said Berman took the case reluctantly, but was convinced McKeon was unjustly accused and afraid he would not get a sufficiently energetic de-

fense from military counsel.

"He is bold in tactics, but no one charges him to be lacking in respect to the Corps," said Alfred. "They are not going to overawe him or muzzle him."

Berman is known to his friends as "Zuke," a boyhood nickname he happily picked up on the New York streets to dodge "Emile Zola." His parents both came here from Russia in the 1890s and his mother still calls him Zola. She and his father had been ardent admirers of the Novelist.

**Fancied Poker Shark**

So busy is Berman as a lawyer, lecturer and teacher at Columbia and his alma mater of New York University, that he has time for little but the law. He is a rare golfer who tries to break 100, fancies himself a shark at poker or pinocle but seldom gets to play, likes to fish, has a keen sense of humor and is a fine storyteller.

He and his wife, Alice, and their two children live in a top residential area on Long Island.

He is the most charming man I've ever met, and that's saying something after all the years we've been together," says Mrs. Berman.

**Victim of Insistence**

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**Increase in Number Of Vehicles Slows**

Salem — U.P. — Warne Nunn, state motor vehicle director, reported today that the huge post-war increase in the number of vehicles on Oregon highways seems to have slowed this year.

From 1946 to 1955 total registration of vehicles in the state increased from 422,370 to 823,185.

Registration totaled 250,465, an increase of 2.2 per cent during the first three months of this year. Since then, however, registration has fallen off, estimates for the rest of the year being set at 378,086 for a total of 828,561, which would be an increase of less than 1 per cent.

Nunn said that further cut-back in production and slowed sales could bring the figure to below that of last year.

**Riddle Man Killed In Logging Accident**

Roseburg — U.P. — A logging accident in Douglas county Monday claimed the life of Benjamin Hugh Leatherwood, 48, of Riddle.

Coroner L. L. Power said Leatherwood was injured when he was pinned between a log and a piece of power-driven machinery. He died several hours later in a Roseburg hospital.

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Washington — U.P. — What's new in Washington? Maybe the major leagues ought to have a look at Gordon Ward, who plays in the Library of Congress Softball League.

Ward now is hitting at a .615 clip.

That's unusual in softball because the pitcher is only a short distance from home plate and practically puts his foot in the batter's mouth with every toss. Ward, incidentally, is a pitcher himself and his team leads the league.

A hat company with one eye on space in the public prints, and another on measuring the heads of aspirants for public office, has come up with some interesting information.

Both Mr. Eisenhower and V. P. Richard M. Nixon walk around under size 7 1/2 hats. Sen. William Knowland wears a size 7 1/4. Best the Democrats can do is a 7 1/8 by Massachusetts' Sen. John Kennedy.

Tossing of the hat in the ring, by the way, is said to have originated in boxing. Spectators would lose their bowlers into the ring to exercise the American right to dispute a decision.

Teddy Roosevelt was said to be the first to use the expression politically. In 1898 he announced in the New York gubernatorial campaign he was "throwing my hat in the ring." He pitched it in and won.

The Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia perhaps is the first to start fall football practice. Drills already are underway.

A notice in the gymnasium said: "Everybody is welcome and positions are wide open. Don't be a judge of your ability." The Quantico team is noted for its number of All-Americans.

Kids who read the Army Times got a belt out of a report from Philadelphia which said this sign was spotted on a truck passing through:

"This truck stops for all crossroads, railroads, blondes and brunettes. For redheads it will back up 50 feet."

The biggest U. S. stamp collection is housed in the Smithsonian Institution here. It now has over 1,106,800 different stamps, with thousands of others waiting to be sorted and catalogued.

One kid in the Army is nuts about bongo drums. He is Pfc. Bud Sloan, a mail clerk, from Bloomington, Ill., now stationed in Berlin.

Bud used to be a drummer, went to the University of Illinois and was a 3-cushion billiard champ of the Illini in 1952. He carries his drums around the world in a duffel.

On the way to Germany he unwrapped his drums and entertained the officers and men aboard ship. Got out of a lot of kitchen police that way. Also he gets a lot of passes to visit cities around Europe to entertain our troops.

# Frequent Patrolling Of Beaches Promised

Portland — U.P. — Sheriff Terry D. Shrunck said today that beaches along the Columbia river and on Sauvie Island will be more frequently patrolled by county police, especially over week ends, in an effort to curb drinking parties and disorderly activities.

Schrunk said officers had checked the situation last Saturday night at Marshall beach on Sauvie Island and at the time reported finding no rowdiness.

Later on that night a group of youths, mostly minors, appeared and state liquor control investigators took them into custody after breaking up a drinking party.

Monday in district court several of the youths received fines and suspended sentences.

The sheriff said his office will cooperate with the state investigators in seeing that order is maintained where beaches are more or less isolated.

# Burned Out Family Helped by Residents

Gold Hill — Residents in Gold Hill have been giving help to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Graham, Sardinia creek, who lost their home and all of their furniture and personal belongings in a fire recently.

The building was owned by Jim Estranjo. The Grahams have four children: Darrel, 17; Dale, 14; Darlene, 10, and Raymond, 9.

Mrs. Graham would appreciate anyone who has fruit jars to spare calling or writing her at Gold Hill. She said she would be able to pick them up.

**DISRUPT DENTAL WORK**

Detroit — U.P. — Thomas T. Fry will try to make it to his dentist another time. Tuesday Fry stopped in a bar on his way to get his teeth fixed and met two men who offered him a ride. The next thing he knew he was in a ditch without his clothes and the \$10 he was supposed to pay the dentist.



**PLEASED — After many days of posing for photographers, Carol Morris, Miss Universe of 1957, beams following request for pictures at pool side in Long Beach, Cal. An expert swimmer, Carol enjoyed frolicking in the water.**

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