

## Quotes From the News

Ossining, N.Y.—Frederick Charles Wood, killer of five, just before his electrocution at Sing Sing:  
"I have a speech to make. This is an educational project. You are about to witness the damaging effect electricity will do to Wood. Enjoy yourself."

Vienna—A Vatican source, doubting that imprisoned Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty will ask mercy in the current Hungarian amnesty:  
"It would not be pride that would keep the cardinal from asking mercy but the fact that he does not in conscience believe he committed crimes."

Jersey City, N. J.—The Rev. James Carey, defending his ban on steady dating at St. Michael's High School:  
"We see the results all around us in the growing number of teenage unwed mothers. Can we doubt the cause?"

Washington—President Kennedy, defending Robert S. McNamara:  
"We have a very good, effective secretary of defense, with a great deal of courage who is willing to make hard decisions, and who doesn't mind when they are made that a good many people don't like it."

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## Trial of Marine Instructor Begins

San Diego, Calif. (UPI)—The court-martial of the third Marine drill instructor accused within two months of maltreating recruits begins today at the Marine Corps recruit depot.

It was disclosed Thursday that two instructors appeared before separate court-martial boards last month and pleaded guilty.

Sgt. Carlton L. Slay, 33, San Diego, was ordered to answer today 18 counts of maltreatment or cruel and unusual punishment involving 15 recruits.

Authorities said specific charges against Slay included such actions as punching in the stomach, hitting in the face and pushing against a wall locker. One recruit, Harold W. Anthony, 18, Greenville, Ill., said he was doing pushups and Slay slammed him to the floor seven times.

The two instructors who pleaded guilty were S. Sgt. James L. Leighton, 29, San Diego, and Cpl. James C. Holt, 22, Cincinnati. Leighton pleaded guilty to maltreating eight recruits, to forbidding a maltreated recruit to testify against him and to failing to report maltreatment committed by a subordinate, Slay.

## Major U. S. Problem Said Unemployment

Portland—(UPI)—The major domestic problem in the United States is unemployment, the president of the National Association of Manufacturers said Thursday.

W. P. Gullander of New York said the national tax structure has prevented building up of enough capital to keep the economy going fast enough to provide jobs.

Gullander was here for a meeting of local manufacturers.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A CUSTOMER who wore a tight-fitting coat with a ratty-looking fur collar stamped into the village store and told the startled clerk, "I would like to purchase your entire stock of eggs, tomatoes, and over-ripe fruit."

"Gee willikins," said the clerk, "you must be going to see that old ham play 'King Lear' for the Shakespeare Repertory bunch tonight."  
"I," replied the customer haughtily, "am the old ham."

Tale of woe from the Soho district of London. A resident was fined three pounds for leaving a pile of rubbish in the street. Turned out to be a second-hand jalopy his son had bought from a dealer in Oxford.

**DEFINITIONS:**  
Kindergarten teacher: One who should know how to make the little things count.  
Hobby: Hard work you'd never do for a living.  
Nostalgia: Longing for places you'd never dream of moving back to.  
A big TV star's salary: The haul of fame.  
English department at Yale: The Chamber of Commas.  
Bachelor: A fellow who has the time of your wife at a party.  
True justice: When a stenographer tosses her gum out of a fortieth-story window and then steps on it as she leaves the office for the day.

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**Your Money's Worth**  
By SYLVIA PORTER  
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## LEVITTOWNS IN THE COMMON MARKET

In the past 50 years, greater strides have been made in creating comforts in housing and in making them widely available than throughout all previous history. A pioneering contributor to that progress has been William J. Levitt, president of Levitt & Sons, Inc., the firm which for the first time applied mass-production techniques to the housing industry after World War II and built the world-famous Levittowns. Levitt is still pioneering, as this interview reveals.

Porter: I know you have started to export the Levitt mass techniques and philosophy outside the continental United States—specifically, I hear, to France and Puerto Rico. Are there any new developments in your overseas operations?  
Levitt: You're present. In Paris, we have already invested in high-rise and garden apartments. The first houses in a Levitt community in San Juan will be ready for occupancy in a year. I'd like to tell you more about our plans for Western Europe—especially France—but an announcement now would be premature.

Porter: Just by saying this you've given us the news that Levittowns are about to go into the Common Market, "especially France." Are you now looking for fundamental design changes in houses?  
Levitt: Not in the immediate future. Colonial, Georgian and Cape Cod are still among the most popular U.S. houses and their facades haven't changed markedly in 200 years. The public doesn't want radical-looking housing. The best evidence is the fact that the pre-fabricators have reverted from modern to traditional design.

Porter: No design improvements at all in the offing?  
Levitt: The trend toward increasing use of glass will accelerate. Sliding, wall high panels, patio doors, glass walls—call them what you will—more and more houses are going to have more and more glass to blend interior and exterior living.

Porter: The third major element of a house, in addition to equipment and design, consists of the materials with which the design is executed. How about them?  
Levitt: Here is the excitement of the future of American housing. Most of it derives from the plastics and veneers. We're already experimenting with vinyl-covered walls which will be better looking, longer lasting and easier to clean.

Technicians are working on warp-proof doors and windows made from veneers of the natural materials already permit greater quality at the same price and are certain to improve. A chemical company recently announced a film coating that can be bonded to almost any building material and make it maintenance-and-fade free. Here is where the excitement is.

Porter: With costs of building materials and of labor still rising, how can over-all costs be kept in line?  
Levitt: When you consider the quality of today's house, housing costs have been kept in line. There are no convincing figures on comparative housing costs because there is no comparative housing. A 1963 house is so much better than, say, a 1933 house of the same size and type that comparisons are simply not valid. Houses are like automobiles in this instance. In dollars the cost of a two-bedroom frame house with 1,000 square feet of floor space has increased about the same amount in the past 30 years as the consumer price level.

Porter: American houses appear to get larger every year. In 1960 the average FHA-insured new home had 1,142 square feet of floor space compared with 894 square feet only 10 years earlier. Is this trend primarily due to larger families?  
Levitt: It's also a return to an earlier American practice. Except in cold New England, houses tended to be costly until the burgeoning of big cities and their high lands costs. Land is less expensive in the suburbs and we can afford to follow our own tradition.

Porter: So the House of Tomorrow will generally be like today's?  
Levitt: A better house of today. And mass production can improve quality because of tighter controls. Cadillacs are mass-produced, you know.

## Cases Rested in Income Tax Trial

Portland—(UPI)—Both sides rested their cases Thursday in the federal income tax trial of Otto Heider Sr., Sheridan.

The case was heard without a jury. Federal Judge Gus Solomon will receive written briefs in the next 140 days. A final decision is not expected for more than six months. The charge involved income taxes in 1953 and 1954.

Nashville, Tenn.—(UPI)—Dave McCutchen, brought before Judge Allen Cornelius on a public drunkenness charge Thursday, said he would like time to finish his spring garden. He got a six-month probation. "Thanks a lot, judge," McCutchen said. "I'll bring you a mess of them onions when they come in."



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