

Bible-Toting Marines Sentenced to Brig

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NAPLES (S&S) — Five Bible-carrying enlisted Marines were found guilty of willfully disobeying the orders of their commanding officer at a special court-martial here Tuesday.

At the same time they were acquitted of the more serious charge of mutiny resulting from a row June 10 over the standing of watches.

During the day-long trial the Marines steadfastly contended that they took their stand against carrying out their duties because of religious convictions.

In testimony it was pointed out the defendants — all neatly barbered lance corporals assigned to the 95-man Marine barracks here — were regular visitors at the Christian Center, a church-sponsored facility for U.S. servicemen, in downtown Naples.

Sentences Listed

Sentenced to terms of two to four months' confinement in the Navy brig at Rota, Spain, reduced in grade to E1 and ordered to forfeit all pay during confinement were Rodney S. Mueller, 22, and Sixto R. Molina, Terry L. Hartley, Michael R. Joens and Michael D. Jones, all 20.

In addition to the charge of willfully disobeying an officer, Mueller and Joens pleaded guilty

to failure to report to an appointed duty station. The remaining three defendants were acquitted of the same charge.

Mueller and Joens drew sentences of four months, Hartley was given three months and Jones and Molina two months. The military judge, Cmdr. L. M. Farrell recommended suspension of all confinement in excess of two months.

12 Witnesses

Details of the June 10 barracks showdown between the defendants and their military superiors unfolded during the testimony of eight government and four defense witnesses.

Reportedly incensed because a religious sticker had been removed from the private property of one of the defendants, Joens got into an argument with Cpl. Harold E. Decker, described as a fellow Christian. Also drawn into the argument, it was testified, was Mueller, who was ready to go on duty. Mueller took off his guard belt and said he would refuse to stand his watch to prove his belief in Jesus.

Joens then took similar action and ran to the Naval Support Activity guard post, where he reported his decision to Hartley who called by telephone to ask that he be relieved.

Jones and Molina then followed with similar refusals. Both Mueller and Joens, the

only two men to testify in their own behalf, said they may have been wrong in turning down an order but contended they took the action in line with religious beliefs.

Both professed a love of country and then admitted they had been wrong in acting as they did.

The Rev. Jesse Miller, 52, the ordained Baptist minister who directs the Christian Center, said in testimony for the defense that the five men were devout followers of Christ, but that they had been wrong in refusing to carry out military orders.

Before sentencing, the defendants individually took the stand to make unsworn statements relating to their religious beliefs and their subsequent behavior on June 10 and June 12.

"None of the Christians on defense here used God as a crutch. We're here because we made a stand for Jesus," Hartley said.

'Souls Saved'

"Our souls are saved. Our mission is to help others, because one day we're all going to be facing a judge bigger than any judge on earth. As for man's laws I did do something out of the ordinary and I'm sorry for this. But I cannot stand to see God trod on.

Ellis Calls Red Buildup 'Alarming'

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NAPLES (S&S) — The Warsaw Pact continues to "build and grow at an alarming rate" in NATO's southern region, Air Force Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ellis warned Wednesday as he took command of Allied Air Forces in Southern Europe.

Speaking at colorful change-of-command ceremonies which marked the 20th anniversary of AIRSOUTH, Ellis called the southern region one of the most important in the alliance.

"I look forward to my new role as a challenge," Ellis said. The general reported to AIRSOUTH from the 6th Allied Tactical Air Force in Izmir, Turkey.

In ending nearly four years of duty in Naples, departing AIRSOUTH commander Lt. Gen. Fred M. Dean pointed to the continuing need to improve both the quality and quantity of the air forces in the southern region.

Dean praised the Italian, Turkish and Greek air forces for their contributions to the defense of the region.

Policy Shift

The Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, pointed to the continued deterrent role played by AIRSOUTH.

Adm. Richard G. Colbert, commander-in-chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, said the contributions of AIRSOUTH in the past two decades is "an eloquent example of balanced NATO forces in action."

Gen. Vincenzo Lucertini, Italian air force chief of staff, praised Dean for his contributions to the command.

Rhein-Main Flood Causes Damage

RHEIN-MAIN AB, Germany (S&S) — Isolated flooding in this base's Gateway Gardens housing area has caused more than \$10,000 damage, according to an Air Force spokesman.

The flooding, caused by unusually heavy rain Friday, filled the basement of the housing area's theater knocking out an electric substation that supplies power to an adjacent small shopping complex. Stores in the complex are expected to reopen soon, but it is not known how long the theater will remain closed. The cost of repairing the power plant may run as high as \$25,000.

Flooding also damaged some basement apartments and household goods stored in buildings in the housing area, the spokesman added.

"I was at the point where I was put against the wall," Molina said. "I still feel strong about the Marine Corps. But I am disappointed in the testimony of some of the people here today."

"Myself and the Christians here have studied quite a bit," Jones said. "We kept our faith. I have no doubt that Jesus will come soon. I feel it is my obligation to go elsewhere and to spread the word."

"Before I turned to Jesus I didn't have any hope in life. I even thought of doing away with myself," Jones said.

'Real Concern'

"But now I have found the Lord and my real concern is for America. I think of Sodom and Gomorrah and their perverted sex. God did away with these cities. I worry because the United States has turned its eyes away from the Lord. I may not be able to help restore my country, but I may be able to help some people."

"I haven't lost faith in the Lord. He works in strange ways. But I'm willing to take the punishment because I consider what I did to be wrong," Mueller said.

It was pointed out during proceedings that all five Marines enlisted in the service and that Mueller and Hartley are veterans of the Vietnam War.

5 Bomb Pranksters Arrested in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT (AP) — West German police seized five pranksters Wednesday who harassed authorities in Frankfurt with their bomb threats.

A spokesman said three men were taken into custody when they made their threats from city emergency call boxes. One of them later admitted he spent about 30 marks (almost \$10) for such calls from public phone booths.

Another two were caught with the aid of a special phone switch police installed to fight the recent flood of anonymous calls. "Here is the Baader-Meinhof group — a bomb will go up today," the spokesman quoted one of the suspects as saying before he was taken into custody.

He was referring to the gang of that name accused of several

bombing attacks, bank robberies, shootouts and other criminal acts.

Telephone technicians traced the call to a restaurant in the central station area. Police said they found a 23-year-old auxiliary waiter and a 21-year-old jobless person in the restaurant whose voices matched that of the recorded threat.

Police said both men were under the influence of liquor when they were arrested.

Soviet Police Arrest Dissident Leader

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet secret police Wednesday arrested historian Pyotr I. Yakir, a leader of Moscow's tiny dissident political community, and searched his apartment, his friends said.

Yakir, 49-year-old son of a general executed under Stalin's regime, was arrested for "anti-constitutional activity which he had systematically carried on for several years," Soviet sources said.

Wednesday's Dow Jones

NEW YORK (AP)—Dow Jones closing range of averages Wednesday:

	Close	Change
30 Industrials	951.61	+3.39
20 Transportation	245.03	-1.02
15 Utilities	105.32	+0.19
65 Stocks	316.65	+0.15

Closing N.Y. Stock Prices

Prices through the courtesy of Bache and Co. Inc.
Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich

	June 20	June 21		June 20	June 21		June 20	June 21
ACF Ind	43.4	44	Dist Seagr	41.1	41	Nat Cash R	33.6	33.6
Addressgrph	40.5	42.7	Dome Mines	76.2	77.1	Nat Dist	16.4	16.4
Airco Inc	18.7	18.5	Dow Chem	92.5	93.4	Nationl Gen	24.1	24.1
Allegheny	25.5	26	DuPont	70	68.5	Nat Gypsum	18.2	18.4
Allied Chem	30	29	Eastern Air	29.6	29.1	Nat Steel	42	42.2
Allied St	33	33.3	Faberge	15.4	16.2	Natmas	60.3	58.3
Allis Ch	12.3	12.1	Fair Cam	36.5	37.3	Newmt Min	30.6	30.7
Alcoa	50.4	50.4	Fedders	34.6	34.4	No Am Rock	32.5	32.5
Amrda Hess	50.1	49.4	Firestone	22	21.7	Ohio Edison	20.6	20.6
Am Air Fltr	43	43.4	First Nat C	59.5	60.3	Olin Corp	16	16
Am Airlins	42	40.2	Fluor	18	17.7	Otis	38	38.1
Am Brands	46.7	46.5	FMC Corp	25.5	26.4	Owens Ill	47.7	46.6
ABC	74.2	74.6	Ford	65.5	65	Pan Am Air	17.2	16.5
Am Can Co	28.3	29	Free Sul	21.5	21.7	Penn Cent	4.1	4.2
Am Cement	7.4	7.4	Fruehauf	38	36.4	Pepsico	84.7	85
Am Cynamid	36.5	36.5	Gen Anil	20.6	20.6	Pfizer	43	42.4
Am Dist	—	23.4	Gen Dyn	28.5	28	Phelps Dodg	37	37.2
Am El Pwr	26.2	26.1	Gen Elec	66.4	68	Phil Morris	101.6	103.7
Am Home	105.3	105.6	Gen Foods	25.3	26.7	Phillips Pet	28.1	28
Am Metal Cl	29.3	29.4	Gen Instr	27.1	26.7	Pittston	35.4	35.6
Am Motors	8.5	8.6	Gen Motors	76.6	76.3	Polaroid	131.4	130.7
Am Nat Gas	34.6	35	Gen Pub U	21	21	Proc & Gam	97.2	96
Am Smelt	19.1	19	Gen Tire	27.2	26.5	Pullman	42	42.6
Am Sugar	30.4	31.3	Getty Oil	74.6	75.2	Raytheon	37.3	37.4
ATT	42.4	42.2	Gillette	47.7	48	RCA	36.5	35.3
Ampex	7.1	7.1	Gimbel	26.5	26.5	Repub Steel	23	23.3
Ashland Oil	25.4	25.5	Glen Alden	10.7	10.6	Revere Copp	11.3	11.2
Atl Richf	57.2	57.4	Goodrich	24.4	24	Revlon	74.4	75
Avco Co	14.7	14.5	Goodyear	28	28.4	Reynolds M	16.6	17
Avon	115.5	117	Grace	25.3	25.5	Richardson	14.4	14.6
Babck & W	28.6	28.7	Great A&P	16	16.3	Rich-Merrel	70	70.2
Beckman	53.2	52.2	Greyhound	18.3	18.4	Royal Dutch	37.5	37
Bell & How	67.6	67.5	Grumman	15	14.7	St Jos Lead	29.4	29.3
Bendix	44.3	45.2	Gulf Oil	24.5	24.6	St Regis P	40.1	40.3
Benguet	5.7	5.6	Gulf Western	39.6	39.5	Santa Fe In	30.3	30
Beth Steel	30.2	30.1	Helene Curt	7.1	7.1	Seaboard	65.7	66.2
Boeing	21.4	21.2	Hercules	64.2	64.7	Sears	15	15.5
Borden	26.6	26.5	Hilton	41.6	41.6	Shell Oil	45.3	45.4
Bristol My	62.4	62.5	Homestake	27.2	27.5	Shell Trans	33	33.2
Brunswick	48.2	49.6	Honeywell	54	54	Singer	87.6	88.4
Budd Co	16.2	16.3	Hudson Bay	22.6	22.3	South. Co.	19.1	19.2
Burl Ind	34.7	34.7	Illinois Cent	32	32.1	South. Pac.	44	43.3
Burroughs	187.3	188.7	Ingersoll R	70.2	69.7	South. Rail	96.2	96
Camp Soup	29.6	29.4	Int'l Stl	35.3	35.6	Sperry Rand	41.5	43.4
Can Pac	16.5	16.2	IBM	397	397.4	Std Oil Cal	61.6	61.6
Celanese	51.2	50.6	Int Chem N	25	25	Std Oil Ind.	70.3	70.1
Cert Teed	55	55.6	Int Nickel	32.4	32.2	Std Oil N.J.	74.5	75.1
Chase Manh	56.3	56.5	Int Paper	39.1	39.4	Stud. Worth	47.2	47.3
Chem NY	50.2	50.4	ITT	54	55.2	Sun Oil	45.2	45
Ches & Ohio	51.1	52	Itek Corp	68.2	67.4	Swift Co.	32.1	32.3
Chrysler	30.2	32	Jim Walter	29.5	29.4	Teledyne	21.2	20
CIT Fin	49.5	49	John Mville	33.1	32.4	Texaco	33.1	33.3
Cities Ser	34.5	35	Johnson Joh	123.6	124	Tex Gulf S	17	16.7
City Inv	17.5	17.5	Jones & Lau	17	17.3	Texas Inst.	169.6	168.6
Clark Equip	59	58.5	Kaiser Alu	27.7	22	Texas Util	28.3	28.4
Cluett Pea	18.3	18.7	Kennecott	21.7	22.5	Thiokol	17.6	17.5
Coca Cola	131.6	133	Kerr McGee	53.1	53	Time	48.4	48.4
Colg Palm	73	73.8	Kraftco	42.3	42.2	Timken	39.4	38.6
Collins Rad	14.6	14.3	Libby-Owe	41.3	41.1	TWA	55.3	53.4
Colt Ind	20.2	20.2	Libby, McN	6.2	6	Transam.	19.4	19.4
CBS	53.1	54	Ling-Temco	14	13.5	Travelers	38.6	37.7
Commw Ed	32.5	32.2	Litton	16.1	16.1	Untd Alrc	36.7	37.6
Comsat	61.2	61.6	Lockheed	10.6	10.1	UMC Ind.	26.4	26.4
Con Edison	25	24.7	Louis. Land	44.5	44.5	Union Carb	49.1	49.4
Con Nat	27.2	27.5	Lukens Stl	20	20.1	Union Oil	29.5	29.4
Cont Can	28.6	28.6	Macy	36.4	37	Union Pac	53	52.6
Cont Oil	26.6	26.7	Marathon	30.3	30.3	Uniroyal	16.7	16.7
Cont Data	76.3	74.6	Marcor Inc	25.3	25.2	Unit Airl	43.4	43.1
Corn Glass	240	243.2	Martin Mar	20.5	20.5	Unit Brands	15	15
CPC Int	31.6	31.4	May Depart	42	43.4	US Steel	30.7	30.6
Crane	20.1	20.1	McDonnell D	37.6	36.4	Univ Com	20.1	20.4
Crown Zell	29.6	30	McGraw Hill	17	17.1	Westinghse	49.6	50.6
Curtiss Wr	49.5	47.4	Merk	71.7	73.3	Weyerhaeue	48.5	48.5
Cutler-Ham	50.4	50.2	MGM	17.7	18	Whittaker	9.1	9.1
Dart Ind	55.7	55.5	MMM	75.5	76.3	Winn-Dixie	54.6	54.4
Deere Co	63.6	63.2	Mobil Oil	56.2	56.3	Woolworth	35.6	36.5
Deltone	35.1	34.1	Monsanto	52.6	52.7	Xerox	151.3	162
Dictaphon	10.4	10.5	Nat Airl	44.4	44.3	Zenith	46.2	46.4
Disney	187.4	189						

Hanoi Assails Kissinger Trip

PARIS (UPI) — A Hanoi peace delegation spokesman said Wednesday that presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger's current visit in Peking is aimed at cutting off North Vietnam from her allies.

"The Nixon administration should hold direct negotiations with the representatives of the Vietnamese people," spokesman Nguyen Thanh Le said in calling once again for the United States and South Vietnam to return to the suspended Vietnam peace talks.

The United States broke off

the Paris talks May 4 because it said that neither Hanoi nor the Viet Cong showed any willingness to negotiate the issues seriously.

"We demand the resumption of the talks," Le said, but U.S.

Two Trains Collide in Spain

GIJON, Spain (UPI) — Two trains collided head-on Tuesday in a tunnel three miles west of Gijon killing one person and injuring 24, the news agency Europa Press reported.

delegation officials said they had received no specific request from the Communists for a meeting Thursday.

Communist demands for a unilateral, unconditional U.S. troop withdrawal and overthrow of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu have snagged the 3½-year-old talks.

In return for accepting their demands, the Communists had said they would begin sending home U.S. prisoners, agree to a cease-fire and other political issues.