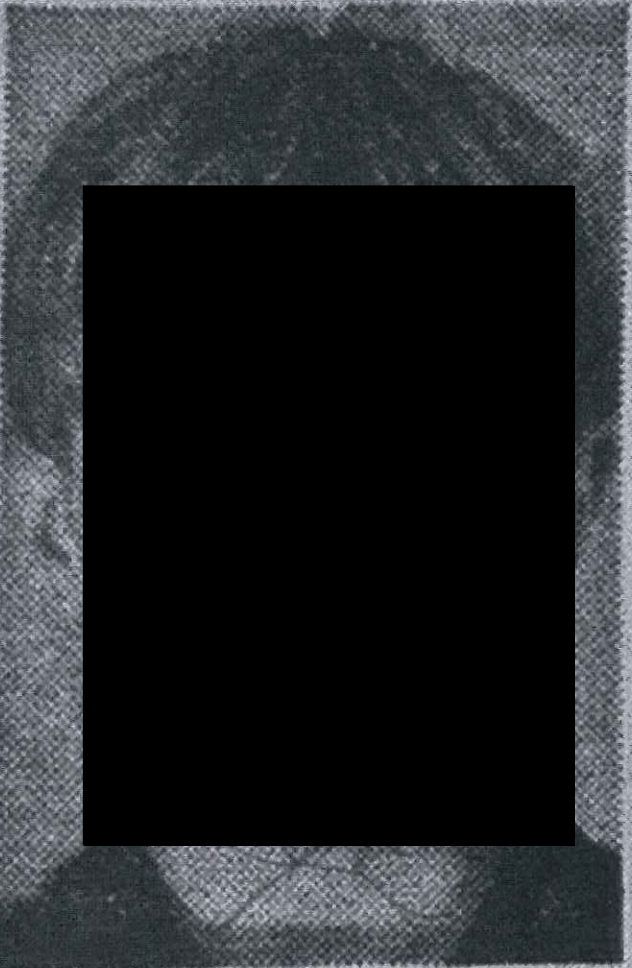


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# MPs can't sway us, says judge

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He was commenting on submissions by a barrister for one of nine men convicted of rape.

Mr. D. W. Muller, speaking for his client, said he knew that courts were under pressure from politicians to impose heavier sentences.

The Chief Justice: No. We do not take any notice of them.

Mr. Muller: One would hope so. Politicians call for all sorts of diabolical punishment.

The nine men before the Criminal Court were convicted by a jury in separate verdicts of having raped a girl, 18, at a bus stop in a lane in Railway Parade, Clayfield, on October 2, last year.

They are: Alan Roberts, 23, labourer; Gregory Terrence Tully, 23, labourer; Lorry Dallas, 23, butcher; Gary Booth, 23, fisher's assistant; Stefan Edward Ferguson, 23, electrician; Chris Leonard Jackson, 18, labourer; Neil Douglas Wherry, 22, labourer; Raymond Edwin Lovell, 18, labourer; and Gary John Pearson, 21, painter.

The jury failed to agree in the case of a 19th man, Peter Douglas Cole, 24, odd-job, and he was remanded for trial.

The nine convicted men were remanded until yesterday for sentence.

At the start of the trial two other men also charged with the offence failed to appear.

## Warrants

The Chief Justice issued bench warrants for the arrest of the two men, Raymond Bruce Lane, 22, hotel waiter, and Paul Devogel, 23, labourer, both of New South Wales. Police are looking for them.

During yesterday's proceedings, the Chief Justice heard submissions and pleas for sentence by counsel on behalf of the nine convicted men.

The Crown Prosecutor, Mr. R. M. Perry, said his Honour was opposed and had been urged by a number of the accused men.

## RAAF strikes local 'enemy'

**INTEGRITY** — The air defence services against enemy jet aircraft were being maintained with integrity and efficiency, according to a report by the RAAF's operations and maintenance committee.

The committee's report was presented to the Minister for Defence, Mr. R. G. Hughes, yesterday.

The committee also reported that the RAAF's operations and maintenance were being maintained with integrity and efficiency.

## Reserved

The Chief Justice said he would reserve consideration of the matter and see if he could draw some distinction between the various accused.

## Copter found bushwalkers

**SEARCH** — Three rotary-winged helicopters were found in a bushy area near South Brisbane yesterday, after a search by the RAAF.

# Island's water safe: witness

**MARYBOROUGH.** — No damage to water systems on Fraser Island should result from sand mining provided proper techniques were used, the Fraser Island environmental inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr. Ian Hitch, an associate director of the firm of Cotter and Hutchinson, told the inquiry committee.

Dr. Hitch said that his conclusions were based on a report he prepared for D.M. Minerals on the impact of proposed sand mining operations.

An amateur Maryborough photographer, Mrs. Fay Smith of Alva Street, said she had been able to photograph a rare species of starling, the yellow warbler, nesting on Fraser Island.

The species was very shy and little was known of its habits.

She had been visiting other coastal areas where the bird nested, he appeared to nest for a period of six months, but had not seen one.

She had been told by a previous visitor that it was the first time the bird had been photographed in the area.

She had been disturbed to learn that samples from a hole near the nest

also had been taken by sand miners.

Any disturbance to the water level at the area would destroy the birds which were accustomed to seclusion.

Ay necessary to install around them would ensure they did not return.

A similar witness, Mr. James Burnett, chairman of Maryborough, said he believed the findings and views of the inquiry had been well substantiated.

Timber had been cut on the island since 1940. A casual observer would not notice any difference in the ground water level and there had been no erosion.

Mr. William George Ferguson, of Coolangubra, New South Wales, managing director of Dillingham International and a director of Dillingham Construction, said D.M. Minerals was a trade name for a partnership between Gillingham and Maryborough.

He said his company had undertaken not to disturb the ground north of the Cape of Good Hope, and that a policy aimed at preserving the integrity of the Lake Wabunga area.

D.M. Minerals also had

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