

1 STATE OF MARYLAND : IN THE
2 vs. : CRIMINAL COURT
3 ROBERT MACK BELL : PART 3
4 LOVELLEN P. BROWN : OF
5 ARIMENTHA D. BULLOCK :
6 ROSETTA GAINNEY : BALTIMORE CITY
7 ANNETTE GREEN :
8 ROBERT M. JOHNSON :
9 RICHARD McKOY :
10 ALICETEEN E. MANGUM :
11 JOHN R. QUARLES, SR. :
12 MURIEL B. QUARLES : Indictment No. 2523 Y
13 LAWRENCE M. PARKER :
14 BARBARA F. WHITTAKER :
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March 24, 1961

12 Before:

13 HONORABLE JOSEPH R. BYRNES, JUDGE
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15 Appearances:

16 Messrs. Tucker Dearing and Robert Watts and
17 Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorneys on behalf of the
18 defendants.
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 THE COURT: I appreciate the assistance counsel
3 have given me. This was an extremely well-tried and
4 interesting case.

5 I have written a short opinion based upon the
6 law as I understand it to be, so I see nothing to be served
7 by reading my opinion. I will have copies for all parties.

8 The verdict is guilty on the first count as to
9 each defendant; not guilty on the second count as to each
10 defendant.

11 (Statement by Mr. Watts in behalf of the
12 defendants.)

13 THE COURT: I appreciate that comment, Mr. Watts.
14 I agree with you these people are not law-breaking people;
15 that their action was one of principle rather than any
16 intentional attempt to violate the law. Under the law as
17 it stands they did violate this particular statutory section
18 of our Code.

19 As to the disposition: A fine of Ten Dollars
20 as to each defendant, and because of what you just said and
21 the fact they did not intend to deliberately violate the

1 law but were seeking to establish a principle, the court
2 will suspend the fine, but the court directs that the costs
3 be paid by the defendants.

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