

1 a Congressman, went to each bedroom and shot and killed  
2 four of her children. She was found by the psychiatrist  
3 to be sane. The jury found her to be sane. At that point,  
4 I felt as defense counsel there were only two decisions that  
5 they could bring in, either not guilty, or first degree  
6 murder.

7 Under the Maryland law the jury compromised and I  
8 felt it was an excellent compromise. The jury found her  
9 guilty of manslaughter, and the judge sentenced her to ten  
10 years in prison for each of the deaths, to serve concurrently.

11 That woman has tried to commit suicide at least  
12 four times. Had they found her guilty, the judge could have  
13 sentenced her to death. Had they found her not guilty I  
14 am positive she would be dead within a week by her own hand,  
15 and the jury could not have brought in manslaughter if this  
16 was not in our Constitution. The jury would have either had  
17 to find her not guilty, and then tried to live with themselves  
18 knowing that she did shoot those four children, or found her  
19 guilty, and take the chance that she would be put to death  
20 anyway.

21 And perhaps, through the years that she is