

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC  
(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION)

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Bodilly  
exercising jurisdiction under the  
provisions of the Western Pacific  
(Courts) Order in Council, 1961.

HOLDEN: At Yandina in the British Solomon  
Islands Protectorate on Monday  
the nineteenth day of September ,  
1966 at 0900 o'clock in the  
fore noon.

REGINA

versus

JOHN LEONARD TEGNA

For the Crown: P.J. Keenan, Crown Counsel.

For the Accused: In person.

Interpreter: Nil- Acc: speaks good English.

Charge explained to the accused: by Judge

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty

Crown Counsel states facts:

Anderson was carrying on an affair with a girl called  
Dora who was the step daughter of the accused. She was living  
in the Accused's house.

On 12th July Accused sent a letter to Comp asking  
him to come by night to the house. That letter he made  
Dora write enticing the Comp to come and sent the letter

Yandina School 13/7/66

Dear my sweet heart Adesen

Will you please come to night here. Let us kiss once more. I always think of you every night. Mr Leonard and Conis and Dick will go for looking ura and fish on the point to night. This is good time for you to meet me again. I shall open the door ~~the door~~ side of the school If you see no lights in our house that means they all gone, then you come in my room . askem ! Don't tell any body please, come yourself. ! not forget your some thing askem. You must come across to the Mission Station no good some people see you. Your sweet heart Dora Gasehave.

See you to night.

you must come rich here at 9 0'clock please.

by hand of a child.

This was an ambush. When the Camp: came in answer to the letter the Accused chased him with a bush knife with intention of marking him. Comp: escaped but then came back to apologise and then the Accused slashed him. Comp has suffered a permanent disability. ( Ct. sees hand. First finger off at base and second immovable.)

Accused is 29. Married . Two years education and Training college grade three. He is now the teacher at Levers primary school. \$ 35 p.m.

( Accused admits facts correct- states his step daughter Dora was only I4)

Mitigation:

Accused states: I have nothing to say. I was angry about Dora. She told me that she had been forced into intercourse She was made pregnant. I did not know that it was an offence to have intercourse with a girl under I4.

I have no witnesses.

Crown: Accused has no p.c.s

Sentence: I2 months imprisonment.

Order: Destroy bush knife in court.

*J. A. B. O. S. -*  
*C. J.*

Accused informed of his right of appeal against sentence.

*J. A.*