

## \$1,000 FINE FOR GUN SMUGGLER

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed on Vincenzo Messina, 31, of Armstrong rd., Toronto, when he pleaded guilty in Cooksville court to a charge of unlawful possession of three pistols and 77 rounds of ammunition at Toronto International Airport, Malton, earlier this year.

He was told by Magistrate H. T. G. Andrews "Severe penalties must be imposed to stop unregistered firearms from being brought into Canada!"

Messina, who pleaded guilty, was allowed time to pay and given an alternative of four months in prison. The weapons and ammunition were confiscated.

"There is an increasing concern in our country and to our neighbors to the south with the possession of firearms within the law as it now exists, and even greater is the concern when there is unlawful possession of firearms," said Magistrate Andrews.

Police testified that customs officials searched Messina's suitcase at the airport and found a large tin container. Messina said it contained cooking oil. Using a piece of wire, the customs officer checked the contents and the guns and ammunition were found in the can inside a sealed compartment.

Messina then tried to hand some money to customs officials, said police, saying that would "cover it", but he was told to put the money back into his pocket.

Messina was represented by Toronto lawyers William Mackie and Arthur Maloney, who said Messina had been in Canada for seven years and was returning from a trip to Italy when he was stopped.

Messina had told him he picked up the guns and ammunition from a garbage can in Italy where they had been dropped by fleeing thieves being chased by police.

# Booze, youths and police figure in wrecked rec room

Five Mississauga youths face a total of eight charges in connection with a series of incidents at a Park Royal home July 3 in which two police officers received severe beatings.

One of the youths was arrested on two other outstanding warrants for break and enter and possession of stolen goods.

Mississauga Constables E. G. Banting and Robert Hutchinson arrived at 2049 Fontwell cres. in response to a call from Mrs. J. B. Cloughley, of that address, to arrest her son, 18-year-old James Cloughley, on the outstanding bench warrants. In the process of the arrest, the two policemen were punched and kicked by Cloughley and one of four friends who came to the house to help him.

According to the police report, Cloughley had been away from home for some time. When Mrs. Cloughley arrived home July 3, her son was in the basement with three other youths. A few minutes later there was a knock on the door and another youth barged in past her. Mrs. Cloughley tried to

persuade her son to give himself up to police on the two previous charges. One of the youths told Cloughley to ignore his mother and get out of the house quickly. In the ensuing argument, the youth struck Mrs. Cloughley across the face and grabbed her by the throat.

This brought young Cloughley into the fight and the resulting melee left the recreation room of the house in a shambles. The four strange youths left and Mrs. Cloughley telephoned police.

When Banting and Hutchinson entered the home to arrest Cloughley on the two previous charges, Banting sustained a kick to the groin and several blows to the head. Hutchinson received a number of kicks to the body.

As the two officers forced Cloughley outside and into the cruiser, the four youths returned and Const. Banting was once again punched in the face and kicked in the groin.

Barry Blais, 18, of Canford cres., Clarkson, has been charged with assaulting a police officer

and consuming liquor while a minor. Amedee Tougas, 24, of Bostock cres., Park Royal, faces one charge of assault causing bodily harm. Jack Veltheer, of hwy. 122, and Wayne Solomon, of no fixed address, both 18, are charged with consuming while minors.

The youth around whom the whole series of incidents took place, James Cloughley, will stand trial for the original two charges, two additional counts of assaulting a police officer, and consuming while a minor.

## Supreme Court awards \$177,209

A Toronto factory worker permanently crippled in a collision with a Toronto Township police cruiser April 29, 1964 has been awarded \$117,209 by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Manuel Dias, 31, now in a wheel chair, lost the use of his legs through brain damage. The \$70 a

week laborer was returning home from a night shift at a Cooksville plant when his car collided with a police car driven by Const. Roger Adams. The cruiser was on a call with its red light flashing at the time of the accident.

Const. Adams, who is still with the force (now

the Mississauga Police Department), will not be required to pay any of the damages awarded Dias. Lloyd's of London, the company which insures the entire Mississauga fleet of cars, will pay the entire sum.

The Supreme Court of Canada awarded much more to Dias than did previous courts. The original settlement was for \$90,000. An appeal by the company reduced this to \$40,000. However the Supreme Court placed higher blame on Const. Adams than the lower courts.

It was the unanimous decision of the court that Adams was entirely to blame for the mishap.

Town Manager Dean Henderson pointed out all the appeals were made by the insurance company, not the town. He noted no further action may be taken in the case. "In the past one could take an appeal to the British House of Commons for a final ruling, but this practice is no longer in effect."

## Top UAW men join Dacan negotiations

Douglas Aircraft Company of Canada office and plant bargaining units are in Santa Monica, California, attempting to reach an agreement on a new contract with McDonnell-Douglas Corp. officials.

Representatives of plant local 1967 and office local 673, United Auto Workers, left Friday evening, July 5, for sunny California to meet with what the union calls the "top brass".

The old contract expired May 31, but it has been officially extended until July 15 to accommo-

date the new negotiations. If these fail, a strike could legally take place July 22.

Local 1967 president Alan Craig is confident "the Santa Monica discussions will bear fruit." He said "it is hoped one overall policy will be set up to have all Douglas units under one scheme."

The union will have its top men on hand for the negotiations. UAW president Walter Reuther and vice-president and aerospace department director Leonard Woodcock will lead the team, which will also include local bargaining committee chairman John Ewenson and international UAW representative Jerry Bale.

If the Santa Monica negotiations do fail by July 15, a strike will almost definitely take place seven days later. The union members voted 84 per cent in favor of strike action "if and when it is necessary" at a mass meeting July 3 at Crang Plaza auditorium. Fifteen per cent voted against striking at that meeting and another the same day in Malton for the night shift. One percent of the ballots were spoiled.

Plant local 1967 has about 3,400 members. The bargaining unit for office local 673 represents approximately 750 employees.

If strike action is necessary, the UAW will pull out 47,000 employees at Dacan and the Douglas Aircraft plant at Long Beach, California. The UAW expects an additional 64,000 members of the International Association of Machinists at the McDonnell Aircraft installation in St. Louis will walk off their jobs in sympathy, thus bringing production by the entire McDonnell Douglas Corp. to a halt.

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