

# SON CHARGED WITH ATTACK ON FATHER

**A** **LL**EGED to have attacked his father, Joseph Jankiewicz, 65, with a tomahawk, Ronald Joseph McQuade (21), storeman, was committed for trial from Campsie Court last week on a charge of malicious wounding. Bail was refused.

It was alleged that McQuade had inflicted a wound in which nine stitches were inserted.

Jankiewicz, invalid pensioner, of Polish extraction, said McQuade attacked him with the tomahawk after he had refused to lend money to McQuade. About a months ago, he said, he had lent McQuade £5.

On the morning of July 19, McQuade called at the Jankiewicz home at 39 Meredith St., Newtown, and asked him for a further loan. He told McQuade he had no more money to lend, said Jankiewicz.

Later, Jankiewicz went on, he was about to walk on to the verandah where McQuade was chopping wood.

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As he turned, he felt a blow on the head, then a second blow, Jankiewicz said.

**"He was going to give me a third blow, so I ran out and picked up a big axe and frightened my son, who ran away from me," he said, adding that he was taken to hospital where nine stitches were inserted in a wound in his head.**

## **"He Told Lies"**

**"I did not intend to do anything with the axe because I felt too weak," he said.**

Jankiewicz said he had had trouble with his son since he was a young boy. **"There was something wrong with him from the time he was a little baby," he said. Three years ago he attacked me with a knife in the stomach."**

To Mr. K. O'Malley Jones (for McQuade), Jankiewicz said his daughter, Cecilia, aged 24, had a child aged seven.

**Mr. O'Malley Jones: Your son has accused you of being the father of that child.—He told lies. It has nothing to do with me. I do not know who the father is. He has run away.**

To Mr. Hardwick, S.M., Jankiewicz said he was a married man. His wife left him. Jankiewicz said that McQuade's mother was not his wife.

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Constable J. J. Ryan said that on the morning of July 20 he and Constable Collis went to Jankiewicz's home. Later that day he and Collis went to an American Army store, where they saw McQuade and told him that his father alleged that he attacked him with a tomahawk.

McQuade, according to Ryan, replied: "Didn't I finish the old —? He only got what he deserved. You have only heard his side of it. Wait till you hear mine."

## **"Bending Over Stove"**

At Bankstown police station, Ryan continued, McQuade, when shown a tomahawk, said: "That is the tomahawk I hit him with. I went and stood behind him while he was bending over the stove."

Ryan said he asked McQuade why he attacked his father, and McQuade replied: "It started about eight years ago when my sister, Cecilia, had a baby. I began to suspect that the old fellow was the father and a couple of weeks ago I found out for certain that he was.

**"I have been thinking a lot about it and I thought the only thing to do was to finish him. He has got mother in a terrible state."**

It was stated that nine months ago McQuade was discharged medically unfit from the Australian Mili-

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