

# THREE YEARS FOR WOUNDING

**"BELIEF** that your father had been guilty of an assault on your sister does not, in one way, lessen the enormity of your offence," said Judge Markell at the Quarter Sessions last week, when sentencing Ronald Joseph McQuade (21), Church St., Parramatta, to three years' gaol.

McQuade had pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious wounding. He was alleged to have hit his father on the head twice with a tomahawk on July 19.

Const. J. J. Ryan, of Bankstown, said that McQuade, a packer for the U.S. Army, had believed his father to be responsible for a child born eight years ago to his weak-minded sister, who was then 16. (At the lower court hearing of the charge against McQuade, his father, Joseph Jankiewicz, denied this allegation.)

Const. Ryan said that a fortnight before the alleged assault, McQuade had become convinced his father was responsible, and had discussed the matter with his wife, who wished him to do nothing.

The Judge (to McQuade): "It is quite within the realms of possibility that you would have killed your father. And I do not think you cared

father. And I do not think you cared very much whether you did. It would be hard to imagine a worse case of malicious wounding."