

# Al Capp Pleads Guilty To Attempted Adultery

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Feb. 11 (AP)—Cartoonist Al Capp was fined \$500 and ordered to pay costs today on one of three morals charges resulting from accusations made by a university coed last spring.

Two other charges against the creator of the "L'il Abner" comic strip were dropped.

Circuit Judge Merrill Farr said the alternative to paying the fine and costs would be one year in prison.

The judge also rejected a motion by the district attorney that Capp agree to undergo psychiatric treatment.

"You are a public figure," Farr told Capp. "I don't think you'll ever seriously be tempted to do something like this again."

Capp pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted adultery shortly after his arraignment. He also had been charged with sodomy and indecent exposure.

Capp, of Cambridge, Mass., was represented by Harold Unger of Washington, D.C., and Webster A. Hart of Eau Claire.

Eau Claire County District Atty. Lawrence W. Durning told the court there had been a plea agreement between the state and Capp's attorneys under which Capp would plead guilty to the attempted adultery charge and the state would ask for dismissal of the other two counts.

Durning recommended that Capp be placed on probation, on condition that he receive psychiatric treatment.

In rejecting the move for mental treatment, Farr said he felt that the public is adequately protected and that Capp had harmed himself to such an extent that he would not attempt such actions again.

Farr also said he did not think a money penalty would be much of a hardship for Capp but he felt it would "satisfy the public."

Capp was arrested last April after lecture at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire.

In Friday's reading of the information in the case, prepared by Durning and Unger, it was stated that Capp had asked university officials to name three students representing different political points of view and have them come to his motel room for discussions.

A married woman student who went to the room made the accusations that resulted in the charges.