

## Burger Plea for Convict Education

# A 'Learn Way Out of Prison' Plan

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### Drunken Driver, 14

Perth, Australia

A 14-year-old boy on a bicycle who collided with a car in which a policeman was sitting was fined \$100 yesterday for drunken driving.

A children's court at Geraldton was told that at one stage during his ride the boy wobbled off the road onto the footpath and back to the road again.

Reuters

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He added: "Since the best of human beings need motivation and hope, why have we thought prisoners can do without both?"

United Press

Williamsburg, Va.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger called yesterday for criminal sentences that will permit an inmate to "learn his way out of prison" by gaining basic education and a marketable job skill for the outside.

Burger urged attention to "the urgent, the acute, the immediate problems" of prison life that led to inmate uprisings at Attica state prison in New York and San Quentin in California.

These problems, he said, include living conditions, prison staff, classification of prisoners, education - work programs, inmate communication and the slow handling

### The Muskie Announcement

Washington

Senator Edmund S. Muskie will formally announce as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in a nationwide television address on January 4, it was learned

yesterday.

The long-awaited declaration by the Maine senator will be made in a filmed, 10-minute segment on CBS between 8:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. EST.

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of criminal prosecutions. He warned it would take "large outlays of money" and a "high order of public leadership" to solve them.

Before 350 judges, lawyers, prison officials and members of Congress attending a na-

tional conference on corrections in this restored colonial capital, Burger said the Administration's decision to establish a national FBI-style academy to train prison personnel, outlined here Monday by Attorney General John N.

Mitchell, "could be one of the milestones in American correctional history."

The Chief Justice said education of prison inmates is society's greatest failure in their rehabilitation, and that society has a moral obligation — if none other — to "try to change that person, to make a reasonably successful human being out of him."

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