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Three-Year Term for General in Guns Case

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Retired Major General Carl C. Turner, 58, was sentenced yesterday to three years in prison for soliciting 136 firearms from the Chicago Police Department and keeping them for his own use while he was the Army's No. 1 policeman.

District Judge Oren L. Lewis, before imposing sentence, criticized those people who wrote him "lots of letters," including U.S. senators and high military officers asking for a minimal sentence.

Lewis noted that Turner, former Army provost marshal general and chief U.S. marshal, had pleaded guilty to the charge last month.



MAJ. GEN. CARL TURNER
The judge wasn't lenient

The judge said everyone gets equal treatment in his

court, but acknowledged that his awareness of Turner's former high position inclined him to be less lenient.

"A man who is entrusted with such high responsibility has a greater burden to be honest," Lewis said. The judge also indicated he believes Turner could have been tried on the eight other charges which were dismissed.

Turner also was the central figure in a Senate Permanent Investigation subcommittee probe of noncommissioned officers clubs in 1969 and under pressure from the Justice Department resigned as chief U.S. marshal, a job he had held for five months.

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Turner Pleads No Contest To Charge of Tax Evasion

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 14 (UPI)—Carl C. Turner, a retired major general who was sentenced Monday for making personal use of guns confiscated by the Chicago police, has pleaded no contest to another charge of evading \$14,417.19 in Federal income taxes for 1968.

The two charges were brought following a Senate investigation of corruption in Army service clubs.

Turner's plea yesterday in the tax case cleared up the last of 13 criminal charges against the former Army Provost Marshal, who retired in 1968. United States District Judge Oren R. Lewis is expected to sentence Turner early next week.