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HACKENSACK, Nov. 29—Harry De La Roche Jr., a lanky 18-year-old military college student who found it difficult to make friends or communicate with his own family, was arraigned yesterday in the murder of his parents and two younger brothers. A judge then ordered him held pending psychiatric examination.

The young man is charged with using one of his father's .22-caliber target pistols to kill his 44-year-old father, Harry Sr., his mother, Mary Jane Greer De La Roche, 53, and a brother, Ronald, 15, and with shooting and bludgeoning to death another brother, Eric, 13.

Joseph C. Woodcock, the Bergen County Prosecutor, said Harry Jr. had given a statement, but he declined to discuss its content.

In Montvale, where the slayings occurred early yesterday, the Chief of Police, George M. Hecker, said that he had not seen the reported statement but said he understood that the youth said in it that he had killed his family.

Mr. Woodcock said his office was trying to determine what might have led to the murders. Investigators are looking into reports that the young man, who was on holiday leave from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. had been desperately unhappy at the school but unable to persuade his family to allow him to quit.

### 'Just Hated' School

Eileen Notarangelo, a family friend, said her sons knew the De La Roche boys from participating with them in the Little League and Boy Scouts. "Harry, Jr. had a difficult time making friends," she said. "It's true that everyone would pick on him."

"His parents felt it would be the best thing for him to go to military school, but he just hated it and began rebelling," Mrs. Notarangelo said. "I talked to his mother a couple of weeks ago and she said he was having a difficult time adjusting but that she thought it would take just a little more time."

Mr. and Mrs. De La Roche were active in Little League and scouting activities. "They did more for these activities than anyone else in Montvale," Mrs. Notarangelo said. "They're going to be missed by a lot of people."

Mr. De La Roche was the manager of a championship team in the Babe Ruth League last season and held a party for team members at his house. He was pictured by a league official as a good manager who was inclined to demand a little more from his sons than from other team players.

The Rev. A. Wayne Schwab, an Episcopal minister active in pastoral counseling, said the young murder suspect, who was a friend of one of his sons, was a "quiet, cooperative, duly conforming type of boy."

### 'Just a Big Kid'

Roche's French teacher, said the student had not been in class since Oct. 25, and when the teacher inquired of other cadets he was told the young man had problems at home and "wasn't expected back."

Maj. Steven Comer, the young man's mathematics teacher, said Mr. De La Roche was doing "below average" work and had not been in class since Nov. 8—two days after "Parents' Day," when Major Comer said he met Mr. De La Roche's parents at the school.

### No Indication of Drinking

Mr. Woodcock said there was no indication that Mr. De La Roche had been drinking when he was questioned by the police.

Mr. De La Roche was apprehended while going through a stop sign at 4 A.M. yesterday and told the police he was on his way to report finding the bodies of his father, mother and youngest brother. He said his other brother, Ronald, was missing.

Mr. Decker, the Montvale Police Chief, said the young man appeared calm and collected and didn't indicate he was having any problems.

Mr. Woodcock said investigators had determined that the family members had been murdered while they slept, but that Eric had apparently struggled before he was killed. The body of Ronald was found in a metal cabinet in the attic.

The young man had given the police a statement and submitted to a lie-detector test before he was charged with the crimes.

### Psychiatric Tests Ordered

At the bail hearing today, Richard Salikind, an assistant county prosecutor, urged Judge Fred C. Galda to deny the young man bail or else to set bail of \$1 million to insure the defendant's appearance at trial.

Judge Galda deferred discussion of bail until a psychiatric evaluation was completed.

Mr. De La Roche, who wore a yellow short-sleeved shirt and dark trousers, answered, "yes, sir," and "yes it is" in a clear voice when asked by Judge Galda if he understood what James Taylor, his attorney was saying and if it represented his wishes.

Mr. Taylor said that if Mr. De La Roche was released on bail the Rev. K. Roy Nilsen, pastor of the Christ Lutheran Church in Woodcliff Lake, would take him in. Mr. Nilsen said after the hearing he was "110 percent for this boy all the way; I have a great deal of admiration for him and for his family and I'm going to tell him that God still loves him."

"Jesus Christ can forgive anybody for anything and that's what I want to share with Harry," Mr. Nilsen said.

Mr. Taylor, who reminded newsmen



Harry De La Roche Jr. covers his head while in custody in Montvale



The Rev. K. Roy Nilsen, left, with James Taylor, attorney for the suspect,