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Sommario/riassunto	In the summer of 1862, the U.S. Army court martialled Colonel John B. Turchin, a Russian-born Union officer, for ""outrages"" committed by his troops in Athens, Alabama. By modern standards, the outrages were minor: stores looted, safes cracked, and homes vandalized. There was one documented act of personal violence, the rape of a young black woman. The pillage of Athens violated a government policy of conciliation; it was hoped that if Southern civilians were treated gently as citizens of the United States, they would soon return their allegiance to the federal government. By f

