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No New Trial Likely for DW 'Fronters' 6/27/40

Press Gives Tip-Off by Complaining of 'Cost' of 2nd Hearing

Belief that United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy would move to dismiss charges against five Christian Front terrorists whose case ended in a mistrial was strengthened yesterday when newspapers published "dope" stories stressing the great expense of a retrial.

Judge Marcus B. Campbell, who presided at the 14-week trial in which nine of the defendants were acquitted, has set July 3 as the date for hearing on motions.

Attorney Kennedy himself could not be reached yesterday for a statement, but he has indicated that

he will reserve comment on the government's intentions until the court hearing.

First act of John Cassidy, Michael Veill and John Graf, three of the acquitted, was to ask for return of rifles seized by the government at the time of their arrest. They were referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cassidy's second act was to explain to newspapermen the "symbolism" of the Christian Front salute which is identical with the Nazi outstretched hand except that the Christian Fronters extend only two fingers. These symbolize Christ and country, he said, while the bent fingers represent "Communism" being crushed by the thumb—expressing "Christian Front principles."