

# Jackson Asked to Probe Christian Front Trial

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## Friends of Democracy Charge Fr. Brophy With Boasting His Cousin Sat on Jury— Defendants' Brag Checked

As whitewashed members of the Christian Front gloat over their acquittal in a Brooklyn Federal Court after confessing openly and boastfully that they plotted widespread terror and violence against "Jews and Communists," they have revealed in the last two days a situation which demands a prompt and vigorous investigation by the Attorney General of the United States.

Rev. L. M. Birkenhead, National director of the Friends of Democracy with offices at 103 Park Ave.,

has just made public the following startling information available to Attorney General Robert H. Jackson in a telegram:

"At a Christian Front rally Friday night, June 28, at Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, Rev. Edward Brophy announced that Mrs. Helen Titus, foreman of the jury which acquitted the Christian Fronters in the Federal Court in Brooklyn was his first cousin.

"The implication in the an-

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nouncement was that Mrs. Titus was very friendly to the Fronters. Rev. Brophy is closely identified with the Christian Front movement and only yesterday qualified himself as an expert on the Jewish question to testify at the Joseph McWilliams trial. McWilliams is a friend of the German-American Bund.

"Friends of Democracy request an investigation of Christian Front influence brought to bear on the Federal jury of which Mrs. Titus was foreman."

### FR. BROPHY—"THEORETICIAN"

Father Edward F. Brophy, pastor of Precious Blood Church in Long Island City, is more than just "closely identified" with the Christian Front. He is a "theoretician" for the movement and is one of its most active leaders. He is the author of the only official pamphlet on the aims and purposes of the Christian Front, a 56-page document that reeks with anti-Semitism and incitement.

When he boasts publicly three days following the acquittal of 9 to 14 defendants, and a mistrial for the remaining five, that his first cousin was the jury foreman, then the mockery of this "trial" and "prosecution" becomes a little clearer.

But there is more than this. On July 3rd the Brooklyn Eagle quotes Macklin Boettger, one of the defendants still held on both counts of plotting to overthrow the government by force and to steal government munitions, as boasting that "ten members of our jury are going to apply for membership in the Christian Front."

Boettger, according to the Eagle, made his claim while in the courtroom of Federal Judge Robert Inch, who granted a continuation of the

case against the five until Sept. 4.

Walking up to reporters, Boettger asked if they wanted a "good story."

"I was out night before last," he declared, "with one of the jurors and he told me that 10 members of our jury are going to apply for membership in the Christian Front."

Here is a picture of the trial:

Fourteen members of a terrorist group arrogantly admit that they acquired munitions from a government armory, that they constructed bombs with which they intended to blow up the Daily Worker, that one of their number had declared it would be a good thing to go down to Washington and "knock off" about a dozen Congressmen to show that the Christian Front "means business."

### KENNEDY'S OKAY

A total of nearly sixty witnesses testified for weeks that the openly-expressed aim of the band is to "eradicate Jews."

Yet in the face of these admissions, U. S. Attorney Harold M. Kennedy in his summation to the jury declared that the Christian Front is founded on "good, sound American principles."

And Attorney Kennedy, in choosing that jury, asked each prospective talesman about possible affiliation with or sympathy for any organization or body deemed hostile to the Christian Front, but neglected to ask a single question which might reveal affiliation with or sympathy for the Christian Front itself or any other body sympathetic with its aims.

That such a farcial situation could be possible is a grave warning that there is a Fifth Column in this country and that it knows how to work as craftily as that original Fifth Column which betrayed the

people of Spain and handed them over to Franco the butcher.

The facts cry out for an investigation of the government's conduct of the Christian Front trial.