

'Front' Plotter Held at Ellis Island For Deportation, Admits Illegal Entry

William Gerald Bishop, one of the chief defendants in the Brooklyn trial of 14 Christian Fronters charged with plotting terrorism, was on Ellis Island yesterday where deportation proceedings were instituted against him.

Bishop was one of five defendants upon whom a jury disagreed.

He had been held in jail since his arrest January 14, but yesterday was freed on bail.

He was promptly taken into custody, however, by Inspectors J. P. McEvoy and George Hedberg of the Bureau of Immigration. New bail on the deportation charge was fixed at \$2,000, and Bishop still remains a prisoner.

His bail on the criminal charges of plotting to overthrow the government was furnished by John B. McPhillips, 33 E. Broadway, who

posted \$2,400, and by Filomena Moscardello, who put up a garage at 49 Ashland Place, Brooklyn.

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During the trial Bishop admitted on the witness stand that he entered this country illegally in 1926, but he gave numerous contradictory stories concerning his birthplace. His checkered career includes three deportations from Great Britain and three deportations from Belgium as an undesirable.

In 1935 he was arrested in New York and served sixty days in the workhouse for violating the Sullivan gun law. Following his release at that time, he was held on Ellis Island for deportation, but was released.

Upon leaving Ellis Island, he be-

came associated with the late Ralph M. Easley, violent red-baiter who was instrumental in placing him on a WPA writers project where Bishop began stoolpigeon activities against the Workers Alliance on the grounds of "exposing Communism." Bishop has boasted that the Dies Committee has used some of the "evidence" he accumulated.

At the time of his arrest as the head of the Christian Front "action committee," the New York Police Department declared that the name Bishop was an alias for William Arneck. Detective Thomas Devine charged that "Arneck is a Nazi propagandist," and added that he entered the country illegally by jumping ship when he was employed as a steward on the ill-fated Vestris.