

Kennedy Gives Fronters New Break, Puts Off Trial

United States District Attorney Harold M. Kennedy, of Brooklyn, who earned the plaudits of the Christian Front by his kid-glove handling of prosecutions against 17 of them for attempting to overthrow the U. S. government gave "the lads" another break yesterday.

At Kennedy's request retrial of five of them who obtained a disagreement from the jury in June was postponed by U. S. Judge Marcus B. Campbell until September 17.

In all probability the men who admittedly were involved in the plot to steal 18 cans of cordite, powerful explosive, from National Guard armories, will not face trial at that time either. Brooklyn attorneys pointed out yesterday that the cases come before Judge Grover A. Moscowitz and that they would undoubtedly not be heard before "a Jewish judge."

In court yesterday were Capt. John T. Prout, of the National Guard, John A. Viebrock, William

H. D. Bushnell, Macklin Boettger, and Gerald Bishop. In all their cases the previous jury had disagreed on one or the other of the counts of conspiracy and theft of U. S. property.

Former Magistrate Leo Healy represented the Christian Fronters at the previous trial and at a Fourth of July rally at which several hundred shouted themselves hoarse in celebration of the acquittal of the other defendants. Healy was one of the principal speakers.

He paid glowing tribute to Kennedy for his "fair conduct" of the trial and said that the U. S. Attorney was "blameless." The cases he said had been "dropped in Kennedy's lap," implying that the Federal official had been an unwilling prosecutor.

Supported by Patrick F. Scanlon, editor of the Brooklyn Tablet, and Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, the Christian Front conspirators have also the blessing of the fascist priest Charles Coughlin.