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- There seems to be no end to the dangerous farce which began when the Federal Department of Justice set free nine "Christian Front" terrorists in a notoriously phony trial.

The other day five of these self-confessed bomb plotters, who were ordered to be re-tried, were brought into Federal court, strutting like heroes, and they received the treatment of heroes from court officials. Their trials were postponed until Sept. 17 by Judge Moscowitz, just like snapping a finger. The postponement was at the request of U. S. Attorney Harold M. Kennedy, who was previously praised by the Christian Front's Attorney for his "fairness" in letting the first nine gangsters go free.

It is plain that the legal department of the Roosevelt Administration is not out to prosecute these menaces to the peace and civil liberties of the people. Instead, it is now giving them plenty of time and opportunity to continue the anti-Semitic violence which they cover under a screen of red-baiting. Their red-baiting fits in well with the war-mongering of the Administration, Wall Street and the courts. But in the case of Communists, trade unionists, and others who speak for peace and the Bill of Rights, Attorney General Jackson loses no time in trying them and imposing outrageous sentences under false pretexts.

The Department of Justice is evidently hoping that continual postponements, delays and legal red tape, will help these cases to be forgotten. But, more than ever, the people will insist upon a real prosecution of these terrorists and upon a thorough investigation of the original sham trial which started this chain of federal collusion with self-confessed terrorists.