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# Delay Christian Front Retrial Hearing Again

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**Case Held Off for Third Time at Request of United States Attorney; Fascist Fronters As Active As Before**

By request of the United States Attorney's office of Brooklyn, the cases of five Christian Front terrorists charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government and with stealing government munitions has been delayed for the third time. Judge Marcus B. Campbell, who presided over

the trials in which 9 to 14 original defendants were acquitted, has set Nov. 6 as the next date when the prosecution will either ask for a new trial of the five or for dismissal of charges against them. It is noted that hearing has now been put off until the day after national elections.

The continued delays are bearing out predictions freely made at the conclusion of the first trial on July 25 that the United States government would drop the cases against the five upon whom the jury disagreed.

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During the trial government prosecutor Harold M. Kennedy told the jury that "the avowed purposes of the Christian Front are good sound American principles." Kennedy was described in the press as acting "more in the manner of a school teacher . . . than a prosecutor seeking a conviction" and at the conclusion of the trial defense counsel praised the prosecutor for his "fairness."

The five, who are continued on bail, are William G. Bishop, William Bushnell, Captain John T. Prout Jr., John A. Viebrock and Macklin Boettger.

Since the trial ended Boettger has boasted to reporters that at least 10 members of the jury that tried the case are going to apply for membership in the Christian Front, while Rev. Edward Brophy, "theoretician" for the Christian Front and once a "character witness" for the anti-Semitic rioter Joe McWilliams, has been quoted as publicly boasting that the foreman of the jury, Mrs. Helen Titus, is his first cousin.

The defendants admitted in court that they received vast quantities of munitions from a government armory through Prout, a captain in the National Guard; that they had constructed numerous home-made bombs; that they had drawn floor plans of the Daily Worker office with the intention of bombing it.

Throughout the trial Charles E. Coughlin publicly and vigorously defended the accused men.