

Pelley Planned Work In Other Countries, Prosecution Claims

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Letters Seized by FBI
Read to Jury; Government
Rests Its Case

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INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.—Evidence purporting to show that William Dudley Pelley, former chief of the Silver Shirts of America, planned to extend his activities beyond the United States was in the record of his trial on charges of criminal sedition today.

The trial itself was in recess, while counsel for Pelley and two co-defendants prepared arguments on notions expected to be made in Federal Court early Monday.

Government prosecutors rested their case late yesterday after reading excerpts from letters purportedly written by Pelley and Lawrence A. Brown, one of the co-defendants. These passages, the prosecutors said, suggested that Pelley's work went "beyond the confines of America."

The third defendant in the case is Miss Agnes M. Henderson. All three were associated with the Fellowship Press, Inc., at Noblesville, Ind., where most of Pelley's pronouncements were printed.

Oscar R. Ewing, special prosecutor, read the jury excerpts from a series of letters which had been seized by FBI agents. They were identified by one of Pelley's stenographers as having been dictated by Pelley and Brown.

One, dated last August 14, was addressed to the late Dr. John R. Brinkley of Del Rio, Tex., one-time "goat gland" specialist, and said in part:

"I think the time has come to consider that everything I have done up to now has been preparatory to the real gesture of starting something that literally sweeps the United States and drives the Luciferians into two oceans.

"In time I am not so sure that it isn't going beyond the confines of America because already I find myself a mightier personage than my own breed here is yet willing to accredit.

"My 'drag' in Japan is so great that if it were not for the war structure I could launch a branch of the Galleans there overnight.

"As for Germany and Europe, did I tell you that just before the war broke out, every member of the Nazi court, including Hitler himself, had read my book, 'Behold Life,' and was classing it as exactly the type of religion Nazi Germany could embrace?"