

Hard Guy Soft At Jail Threat

Facing Contempt Citation,
Native Fascist Decides to
'Talk' Before Grand Jury

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WASHINGTON, Apr. 17. — Another of the tough guys of the American Fascist movement yesterday defied the Grand Jury investigating foreign agents and then, under threat of a jail sentence for contempt, thought better of it. This time it was David Baxter of the Social Republic Society of California, a self-proclaimed revolutionary organization.

William Power Maloney, Assistant U. S. Attorney General in charge of the Grand Jury investigation, haled Baxter into Judge F. Dickinson Letts's Federal Court with the explanation that he was just another in the "monotonous procession" of witnesses who refused to answer the Grand Jury's questions.

Letts told Baxter he would be jailed unless he testified. Thereupon the revolutionary leader said he would answer, even though he had previously explained that it was against the rules of his Society to divulge the names of its leaders. The specific question he had refused to answer concerned the identity of the chief of his organization.

The Society recently sent out a pamphlet instructing its secret membership to lay in arms and ammunition, along with speeches by Rep. Clare Hoffman of Michigan calling Roosevelt a Judas.

Baxter will be further questioned by the Grand Jury today.