

# Judge Rips Fascism, Frees 4 Anti-Nazi

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Battering Silver Shirt fascism in Chicago and its Hitlerite inspiration, Municipal Judge Eugene L. McGarry delivered a fiery tongue lashing from the bench here yesterday to members of the fascist group.

The judge's burst of denunciation came as he freed four anti-Nazi and a member of the Silver Shirts who had been arrested in a clash outside a beer tavern at 376 N. Wells St., where the fascists held a meeting last Wednesday night.

Lashing out at the Silver Shirt defendant and fellow fascists who acted as witnesses, Judge McGarry declared that "a patient and tolerant government has endured them for a long time."

## ASKS PROSECUTION

"But this is something the government should take a hold of," the jurist asserted, "and I am heartily in favor of any movement to prosecute these organizations that live by racial hatred and intolerance."

Four Silver Shirts appeared in the Chicago Avenue Police Court in addition to the defendant, Charles Ariet, 3310 Ridge Ave.

"Do you think this court is a joke?" Judge McGarry fired at the Nazi Alfred Benzin, who had told the court that he "forgot" the name of his employer and that he "forgot" where he worked.

It was after Benzin's attempt in a thick German accent to praise the Silver Shirts as a "patriotic organization to defend the Constitution" that Judge McGarry exploded in a furious condemnation of the group.

"Isn't your real purpose anti-Semitism?" asked the judge. Benzin, who lives at 1942 1/2 Newport Ave., declared he was of German birth and had become a citizen two years ago.

## REPROACHES FASCISTS

Judge McGarry's scalding reproach of the fascists

was also directed against Isbell Innes, 3210 Montrose Ave.; Raymond Barr, 5950 W. Thomas Ave.; and Bernard Boss, 584 Belden Ave., who were at the Silver Shirt meeting.

The aged Mrs. Innes declared that the meeting had been "American and patriotic with American flags and everything."

"Yes, we know, the American flag is being worked overtime," retorted Judge McGarry.

"I think it's my right to go to the Silver Shirts and I go to Anglo-Saxon, too," said Mrs. Innes.

The latter organization is the Anglo-Saxon Federation, an anti-Semitic organization with headquarters at 332 S. Michigan Ave.

The fascist Ariet was defended by Attorney Channing L. Sertz, 111 W. Washington St.

Ariet denied wearing a silver gray uniform shirt bearing the organization's insignia at the meeting.

The four anti-Nazi defendants who were attacked by the fascist group when they staged a demonstration in front of the meeting hall were released after no one could testify that they had taken part in the violence.

Two of the four had been beaten by the fascists.

They were: Hymen Giskin, 1912 Crystal St.; Jack Schiffo, 2003 W. Division St.; Edward Lytton, 1326 N. Clark St., and Michael Sanders, 2010 Lawrence Ave. Their attorney was Michael H. Brodtkin.

Judge McGarry was recently reelected to the Municipal Court bench, carrying strong support by labor and progressive groups.