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Educator, Crusader Jailed for Sedition

The Justice Department has filed charges of sedition against Rudolph Fahl, Denver, Col., educator who allegedly called Army officers "suckers" for fighting the Axis, and George W. Christians, Chattanooga, Tenn., who assertedly recommended that all politicians be hanged.

Both will be tried under Section I of the Alien Registration Act which makes it unlawful for any person to attempt to "interfere with, impair or influence the loyalty, morale or discipline of the military or naval forces of the United States."

FACE 10 YEARS IN PRISON

If convicted, they face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison or a fine of \$10,000 or both.

Mr. Christians was identified as "organizer of the Economic Liberty movement" and head of "Crusader White Shirts." He allegedly sent a letter to officers and men of Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and Camp Forrest, Tenn., on Dec. 5 which the Government said was designed to impair the morale of the military forces.

One portion of the letter allegedly said:

"When the mad mob gets in motion make sure that they dig all the blood-sucking gangsters out from under the pile of rock and steel. Line them up against a wall and shoot them.

"See that they run down all political parasites. Don't miss a single politician, big or little. Just hang them to the nearest tree or lamp post.

"Drive moral lepers out of our prostitute press and into a pest house and burn them."

These questions were asked in the letter, according to the Justice Department:

"What are we fighting for?

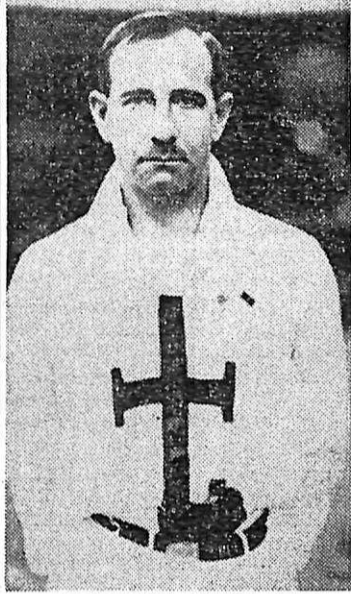
"Do we die for dollar domination?

'100 PER CENT FOR HITLER'

"Are we fighting to restore Europe to British economic control?

"Are we fighting to make President Roosevelt dictator of the world?"

The Justice Department described Mr. Fahl, former high school teacher, as "100 per cent for Hitler." Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle said an inquiry by the FBI revealed that Fahl visited officers' quarters at Lowry Field, Colo., on Jan. 31, and declared that the officers were not fighting for democracy and were "suckers."



GEORGE W. CHRISTIANS
Would Hang All Politicians