

# Christians Gets 5 Years for Sedition

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 8 (UP).—George W. Christians, leader of the "Crusader White Shirts" was sentenced by Federal Judge Leslie Darr to five years imprisonment today, following his conviction last week of sedition.

Christians was returned to jail without bond after the sentencing.

The defendant had been charged with sending to members of the armed forces letters and other literature which the government charged tended to incite insubordination. Some of the letters urged action by force to put into effect what Christians has called his "human effort monetary" economic system.

Christians was convicted on four counts of sedition.

The sentence meted out by Judge Darr was relatively light as the

maximum punishment could have been 80 years in prison and a \$40,000 fine.

Christians was found guilty last Thursday on charges of attempting to foment rebellion and mutiny in the armed forces and to discourage enlistments.

Letters written by the defendant to members of the armed services were introduced during the trial. The government charged they tended to incite insubordination.