

White Shirt Chief Convicted of Sedition; Jap Agents to Be Sentenced Here Today

George W. Christians—the first American tried since Pearl Harbor for aiding the enemy—was convicted by a Chattanooga, Tenn., jury late yesterday on four charges of sedition.

Christians, White Shirt commander and agent of the revolutionist "Socis," will be sentenced Monday by Federal Judge Leslie Darr. He is liable to 80 years in prison and \$40,000 fine.

Meanwhile, in Washington, four Japanese agents will be sentenced by Justice T. Alan Goldsborough in the District Court today. They are:

Ralph Townsend, a former college professor who brought back strong Japanese sympathies from his several years consular service in the Far East. After he visited Tokyo in 1937, propaganda began to hum on the West Coast. Townsend worked closely with Jik-yoku Inikai, the "trade" organization which purveyed propaganda on the orders and the money of the Mikado's foreign office. After this organization folded up, Townsend transferred his operation to the Scribner's Commentator organization at Lake Geneva, Wis. Townsend pleaded guilty, in open court, to violating the Foreign Agent Act, as an agent of Japan.

Frederick Vincent Williams and

David Warren Ryder, who were convicted by a jury Monday of conspiring with Townsend and five Japanese to spread the Mikado's propaganda that "America has no enemies in Asia." They were found guilty, also, of violating the agents act.

Tsutomu Obana, one of the Japanese conspirators, a stooge who was left behind when the four big shots went back to Tokyo. He pleaded guilty.

The verdict against Christians came after a four-day trial in which United States Attorney J. B. Frazier, jr., placed in evidence the inflammatory threats and warnings the 59-year-old seditionist sent to soldiers and officials.

Christians outlined a method for picking off officials when the revolution came, as predicted by him and the "Socis." "Your position makes you vulnerable," he wrote to a Selective Service officer.

"Are we fighting to make Roosevelt dictator of the world?" he said in a pamphlet sent to soldiers.

His jurors urged the court to show him mercy.

Dubuque, Iowa, June 4 (AP).—Indictment of Peter H. McCarthy, 72, member of a prominent Dubuque lumber family, on charges of sending "libelous, defamatory" remarks about President Roosevelt through the mails, was announced here today by Lee McNeeley, clerk of the United States District Court.

McNeeley said the charge is based on typewritten postcards allegedly mailed here last April 4 and addressed to Senators Tom Connally

of Texas, Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee and Harry F. Byrd of Virginia.

The postcard messages, according to the indictment, commended the Senators for a "grand fight against strikes in industry" and demanded impeachment of the President.