

F. B. I. Says Hawaiian Confessed Attempted Sabotage of Ship

Put Sand in Machinery Because of Grudge Against Officer

By the Associated Press.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced yesterday that Keawe Kamakela, 35, a Hawaiian, had confessed in New York to putting sand in the engine bearings and oil of the steamship West Notus at Port Gamble, Wash., last September 27.

He was a crew member of the vessel at that time, Mr. Hoover said. He added Kamakela was seized on his arrival in New York on another ship yesterday.

The attempted sabotage, the cause of which was not given by the F. B. I. here, was traced to Kamakela, Mr. Hoover said, by laboratory tests which showed that sand found in the bearings was the same as that taken from beneath the Hawaiian's fingernails. Later, additional evidence linking Kamakela was developed, he added.

The sand was found in the engines before they were started and no damage was done. Two barrels of sand were kept in the engine room for fire prevention purposes.

In New York, B. E. Sackett, chief of the F. B. I.'s New York office, said Kamakela told Federal agents he threw sand in the bearings because of a grudge against a ship officer. Kamakela will be arraigned before United States commissioner tomorrow, Mr. Sackett said, on charges of damaging a ship, a Federal offense.

Federal Sabotage Charges Filed Against Hawaiian

SEATTLE, Aug. 17 (AP).—Federal charges of sabotage were filed today against Keawe Kamakela, 35-year-old Hawaiian accused of throwing sand into the machinery of the S. S. West Notus. He was a fireman on the vessel.

United States Commissioner H. S. Elliott set bail at \$10,000. Frank Delligrini, chief assistant United States district attorney, said Kamakela would be returned from New York for trial. He was arrested here yesterday.