

2 Native Fascists Jailed for Sedition

Two home-grown Fascists were sentenced to prison for sedition yesterday in Los Angeles, while in Indianapolis three others, including William Dudley Pelley, anti-Semitic rabble-rouser and former leader of the Silver Shirts, pleaded innocent.

Robert Noble, head of the Friends of Progress, was sentenced to five years in Federal prison; his associate, Ellis O. Jones, organizer of the National Copperheads, to four years.

The two men were charged with making statements at public meetings in Los Angeles designed to hamper the war effort.

Noble was quoted as describing the war as a "phony" and saying that "Gen. MacArthur's stand in the Philippines is not bravery but damned foolishness."

Passing sentence, Federal Judge Ralph E. Jenney said:

"The crime of which you have been found guilty involved a conspiracy to set in motion, at a time of great national crisis, an insidious force for disloyalty and disunity.

"Such a force, once released, is uncontrollable. The possible effect to the military effort of this Nation and its allies may not be readily determined. Those responsible must be restrained and punished as Congress has provided."

Pelley's two associates in the publication of the magazine *Gallilean*, Lawrence A. Henderson and Miriam Henderson, also pleaded innocent. The trial was set for July 28.

A defense motion asking that 12 points in the Pelley indictment be defined "in more detail" was granted. The charges in the indictment are based on alleged seditious statements which appeared in the *Gallilean*.