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Sheriff Seizes Files Of Silver Shirts And Hunts Pelley

Judge Declares Leader Of Group Violated Rules Suspended Sentence

By the Associated Press.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 20.—Correspondence and office files of William Dudley Pelley, head of the Silver Shirts of America, were under lock and key at the sheriff's office today while deputies acting under a court order hunted the publisher-lecturer.

Seizure of Pelley's files was made after Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles read a statement in court saying Pelley had violated conditions of a suspended sentence, imposed in 1935 after Pelley was convicted of making fraudulent representations in the operation of his enterprises, Gallahad College and Gallahad Press.

Judge Nettles declared that Pelley had broken promises made to the court by "consorting with known enemies of American institutions," distributing propaganda aimed at the overthrow of the United States Government, and "leveling disgusting epithets at the office of the President of the United States."

Judge Nettles, public prosecutor when Pelley was fined \$1,000 and given the 2-year suspended sentence, directed yesterday that Pelley be held under \$10,000 bond for his appearance at the November term of court on charges of violating conditions of the suspended sentence.

The jurist said he had reason to believe the Silver Shirt leader was financed by "foreign and un-American sources."

Deputies so far have been unable to find Pelley at his home or his office. Last summer officers were unable to find Pelley to serve him with a subpoena requiring his appearance before the Dies Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities.