

Trial of Six Accused In Alien Act Plot Scheduled May 11

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Three American Writers
And Three Japanese
Named in Indictment

Justice T. Alan Goldsborough in District Court today set for May 11 the trial of six persons—three Americans and three Japanese—on charges of conspiracy to violate the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Appearing in court this morning on behalf of the Government were Albert E. Arent and Arthur B. Caldwell, special assistants to the Attorney General. Also in court were Elisha Hanson, representing David Warren Ryder, publisher and publicity man of San Francisco, one of the defendants, and Samuel F. Beach, who appeared for Frederick Vincent Williams, former newspaperman and publicity agent in San Francisco.

The other defendants are: Ralph Townsend, writer associated with Scribner's Commentator; Tsutomu Obana, secretary of a Japanese commercial group in San Francisco, who recently pleaded guilty to four counts of the indictment relating to alleged failure to tell the State Department everything about his activities, but not to that part concerning the alleged conspiracy; K. Takahashi, former manager of N. Y. K. Steamship Line at San Francisco, and S. Takeuchi, former manager of the Mitsu Bishi Co., a Japanese importing concern in San Francisco. Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Takeuchi are now in Japan, Department of Justice officials said.