

Weekly Paper, X-Ray, Barred; White Shirt Chief Gets 5 Years

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Postmaster General Walker yesterday ordered the weekly paper, ~~X-Ray~~, permanently barred from the mails for sedition.

"A purposed attempt to embarrass and defeat the Government in its effort to prosecute the war"—the Postmaster General found—was a consistent, sustained and systematic feature of the 13 consecutive issues on which the charges were based.

The character and policy of the X-Ray were disclosed by The Post, on April 8, in one of a series of articles on defeatist propaganda.

The paper was cited on May 1 to show cause why its second-class mailing privilege should not be revoked and the publisher, Court Asher, appeared at a hearing on May 19. Upon the argument and evidence taken at the hearing, Postmaster General Walker made his finding that the paper was seditious.

Asher himself faces investigation by the Federal grand jury at Indianapolis later this month.

Asher May Contest

Ruling in Court

Muncie, Ind., June 8 (AP).—Court Asher, publisher and owner of the ~~X-Ray~~, weekly tabloid newspaper, said tonight that the ruling of Postmaster Frank C. Walker, revoking the second-class mailing privileges of his newspaper, probably would be contested in the courts.

Meanwhile, he said, the newspaper will be sent to subscribers as first-class mail. Carrier boys will deliver it in Muncie.