

Two Publicists Found Guilty Of Conspiracy

Writers Face Prison For Failing to Reveal Employment by Japs

Frederick B. Williams and David W. Ryder, San Francisco publicists, yesterday were found guilty by a U.S. District Court jury on charges of conspiracy and violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The jury deliberated two hours and 55 minutes before reaching a decision.

Sentencing Friday

Justice T. Alan Goldsborough said the men will be sentenced Friday. Williams, convicted on 10 counts, faces a maximum penalty of from 6 years and 8 months to 20 years and a \$10,000 fine. Ryder, convicted on two counts, faces a maximum penalty of a year and four months to four years, plus a \$10,000 fine.

Williams was accused in nine counts of failure to comply with registration act requirements and in one count of conspiracy.

Ryder was charged in one count of failure to register at all, and in another count of conspiracy.

The middle-aged publicity men were formerly connected with the Japanese Committee on Trade and Information, which Government agents claimed was a propaganda agency masquerading as a trade organization.

First Case Tried

Trial of the pair lasted three weeks. It was the first case preferred by the Department of Justice in connection with Japanese propaganda activities in the United States.

The trial was featured by dramatic accounts of Williams' activities as a radio speaker. The prosecution charged all of his talks were "colored" because he was a paid agent of Japan.

Ryder was accused of editing a pamphlet, "Far Eastern Affairs," similarly tinged with Nipponese propaganda because his salary was paid by the Japanese consul general in San Francisco.

Albert E. Arent and Arthur B. Caldwell, special assistants to the Attorney General, spent a month last fall on the Pacific Coast investigating the case.

Williams, who was represented by Attorneys Samuel F. Beach and Leslie C. Garnett, former U. S. Attorney, testified in his own behalf. Williams testified he registered as a foreign agent, but the prosecution claimed his registration did not completely disclose his activities. Ryder, who was represented by Attorney Elisha Hanson, did not take the witness stand.