

Jailed For Attacking Frame-up

SAN FRANCISCO—Sixty days for exposing the FBI!

James D. O'Neil, former CIO publicity director on the west coast, was serving that sentence today because he wouldn't help frame his personal friend, Harry Bridges.

Federal Judge Harold Louderback, impeached by congress a few years ago, sentenced O'Neil to the San Francisco county jail for contempt in refusing to answer two subpoenas directing him to testify against Bridges.

Sentencing of O'Neil was held up for three days to determine O'Neil's "attitude" as a witness.

The jail term was one of the heaviest ever meted out by a San Francisco court for contempt and there was no doubt that O'Neil got the stiff sentence because he wouldn't "cooperate" with the FBI.

Prosecution attorneys made that fact clear when they charged before Louderback that O'Neil was "evasive and reluctant" when the FBI made the mistake of insisting he take the stand.

Louderback narrowly escaped removal from the bench because his handling of bankrupt estate matters.

The Louderback "affair" was one of San Francisco's choicest scandals.

Powerful forces were brought into play when Louderback was hailed before congress.

He was severely censured, but escaped with his job.

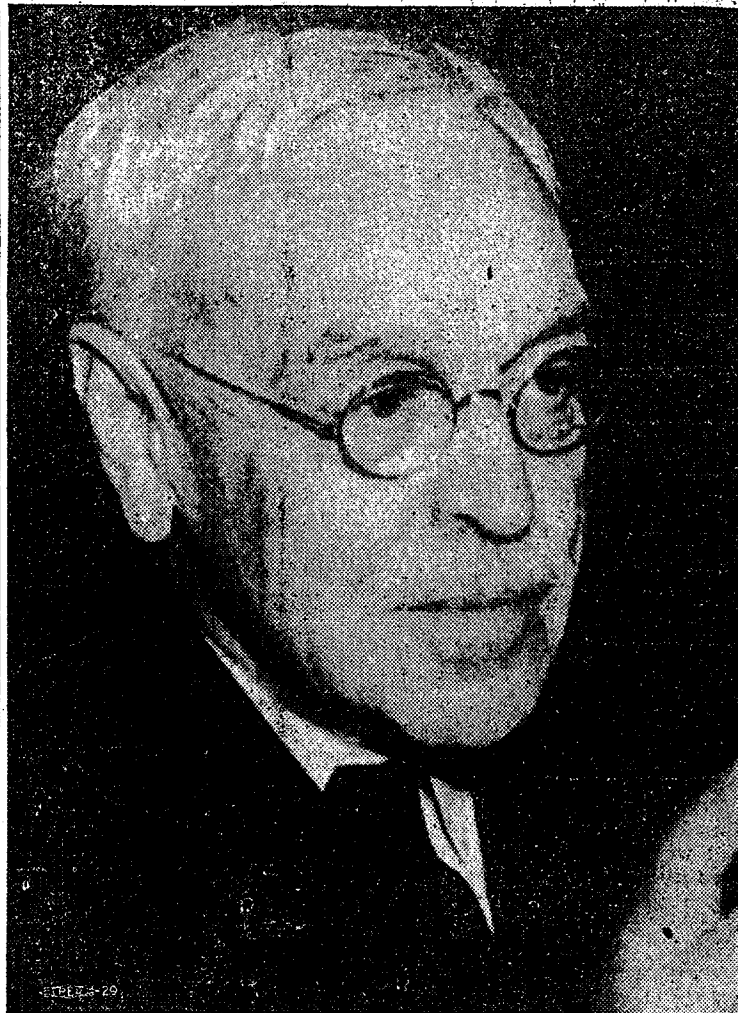
Paid Debt—At City Jail

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nat Honig, a witness against Harry Bridges in the second deportation trial here, was taken into custody several weeks ago by Seattle police on charges of stealing books!

This came out in the hearing when prosecuting attorneys, knowing Honig's record, were forced to bring the incident to light.

Honig was taken into custody by store detectives as he walked out of the store with several books under his arm.

"I paid for the books," he testified, "—at the police station."



TRIAL EXAMINER SEARS

Hears Sorry Mess

Unequal Court Rules Rapped

SAN FRANCISCO.—Judge Sears, president magistrate in the second Bridges deportation hearing here, must temper his decisions to the desires of the immigration department officials conducting the case against the CIO leader.

The prosecution, although, it refuse to give even a minute's advance notice of who the next witness would be; has insisted on receiving not only advance notice of defense witnesses but also the nature of their testimony!

These two revelations were made last week in conference between defense and prosecution attorneys.

The defense, in order to subpoena witnesses, according to law, must file written applications setting forth the testimony expected from these witnesses.

Defense counsel asked the prosecution attorneys to agree that

Judge Sears should keep in confidence the contents of the applications.

Paul Myron, government attorney, refused this concession on the grounds that Judge Sears has temporary appointment as presiding inspector in the immigration department; that as such he becomes a part of the department itself for the purpose of the case and, therefore, it is his duty not to conceal from government attorneys, the immigration inspector, or any other part of the government, any information obtained from the defense!

Chait Not Chase

LOS ANGELES. — The executive board of local 576, United Furniture Workers, CIO, has adopted a motion to inform the entire labor movement that Hyman Chait, an active member of the local, is not to be confused with Ezra Chase, labor spy and prosecution witness in the deportation case against Harry Bridges.

Chait and Chase were at one time both active in an old AFL upholsterer's local, AFL, in Los Angeles. Chase left the labor movement, exposed as a stool pigeon for employers and police. Chait assisted in organizing the United Furniture Workers, CIO, and is a highly respected member of the Los Angeles CIO movement.

FBI Hides Affidavit

SAN FRANCISCO. — The FBI has in its possession but has refused to make public a sworn affidavit refuting testimony of one of its witnesses against Harry Bridges.

This was revealed in court last week when Dawn Lovelace, who admitted connections with the Portland police, took the stand against the longshore leader.

She testified she met Bridges at her home several years ago, accompanied by Hugh Adams, well-known conservative member of the Portland longshore local, and declared both were "Communists."

When Adams heard of the recent developments in the case some time back he asked Mrs. Lovelace to accompany him to the FBI offices, where he made a sworn affidavit concerning the statement.

Defense attorneys last week asked Mrs. Lovelace about the statement, but she said she "just forgot" to mention it in her previous testimony.

The statement by Adams favors Bridges. The FBI has refused to produce it.