U. S. Probes 11 Named as Jap Propagandists

Nearly a dozen Americans or American-born Japanese are under study for possible indictment on charges of treason for serving as Japanese radio propagandists, it was learned yesterday.

A momorandum containing the names and major activities of these persons has been received by the Office of War Information from special Government radio monitors and is to be or has already been turned over to the Department of Justice for investigation.

Nine days ago, the Department of Justice obtained indictments here charging treason, an offense which may carry a death penalty, against eight Americans said to be working against the United States, among them Dr. Ezra Pound, 57, poet and musician, who is broadcasting from Italy.

Names Already on List

A Department of Justice official declined to discuss the pending or expected investigations except to say that court action will be taken where warranted. OWI officials, meanwhile, disclosed that the list of 11 alleged propagandists is part of a continuing compilation.

The OWI memorandum contained the following names and data:

1. Frances Hopkins, believed to be a former missionary.

2. Mrs. Henry Topping, "the most loved and honored American in Japan," who has been there since 1895 and whose husband died there a year ago.

(At Boulder, Colo., the Rev. Willard Topping, a son of Mrs. Topping, said Monday that the voice of the woman broadcasting under the name of Mrs. Topping did not sound like the voice of his mother, but like that of a much younger person.)

3. Charles Hisao Yoshii, American-born Japanese, graduate of the University of Oregon, formerly did some newspaper work and radio broadcasting in this country.

4. Frank Watanabe (radio name), who is believed to have lived in Los Angeles prior to taking up present radio duties, which consist mainly of endeavoring to emulate American slang-slinging types.

5. William Axling, preacher, who is not a member of the staff, but is quite frequently heard over Radio Tokyo.

6. Edward Kuroishi, San Francisco-born member of the regular Radio Tokyo staff, who does Spanish language in addition to regular English language stint.

7. Fumikio Saisho, graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a member of the regular radio staff, also writes commentaries and programs.

8. Herbert Moy, New York born Chinese, mainstay for news and comments on Jap-controlled radio, can easily rate the most brilliant, fluent and persuasive of the renegade crop.

9. Don Chisholm, American-born and American citizen was news announcer and commentator over Jap-controlled radio in Shanghai. It is not known whether he is still there.

10. Shoichi Murata, now broadcasting for Radio Tokyo. Nothing more known at present time.

The list also contained the name of Carl Flick-Steger, who was said to be known in Providence, R. I., where he was born of German extraction.

The memorandum stated, however, that Flick-Steger has already renounced his American citizenship and is under German influence entirely. He is a manager of a radio station in Shanghai, Jap controlled.