

MORE QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT ROSENBERG JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19, (UPI)—Documents relating to the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg raise serious questions about the conduct of the trial Judge, Representative John Conyers Jr., Democrat of Michigan, said today.

Mr. Conyers, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, called a news conference to review material obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

The Rosenbergs died in the electric chair of New York's Sing Sing prison June 19, 1953, after a jury found them guilty of betraying United States atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. They were sentenced to death by Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who is now chief judge of the

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in New York.

One Hundred lawyers and law professors who have studied the documents recently urged the Senate and House Judiciary Committees in a joint letter to investigate Judge Kaufman's conduct during and after the trial regarding alleged communication he had with the prosecution and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Vern Countryman, a professor of law at Harvard and sponsor of the joint letter, maintains that if the documents are confirmed they "raise serious questions" of a "shocking pattern of ex parte contacts" by Judge Kaufman with the United States Attorney, F.B.I. officials and others in the Department of Justice from the time the original Rosenberg trial was pending through the trial and thereafter.

Such contacts are forbidden by law and could lead to impeachment.