

Kahane Gets 5-Year Suspended Sentence

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Rabbi Meir Kahane received a five-year suspended sentence, was fined \$5,000 and was placed on probation for five years here yesterday for plotting to make a bomb.

The 39-year-old head of the Jewish Defense League expressed delight afterward at the outcome, saying he had expected to go to jail. Amid the cheers of 250 members and sympathizers, he promised that his group would remain militant.

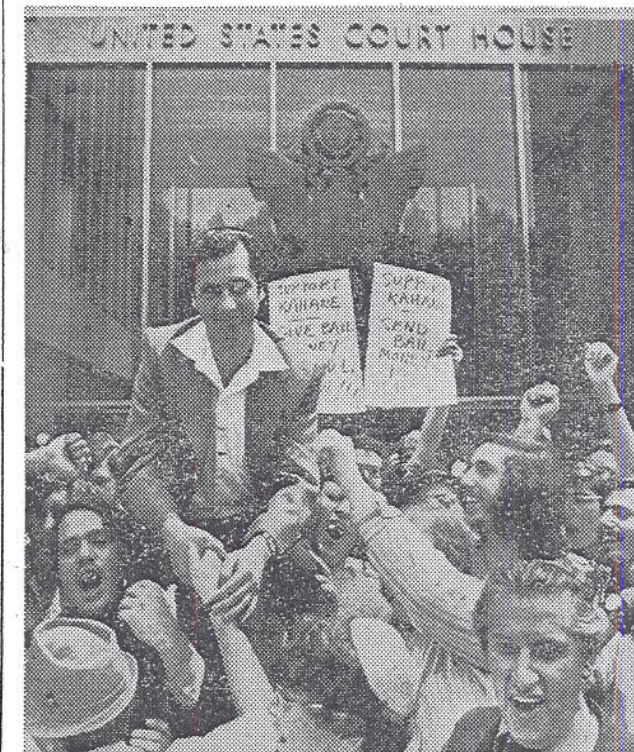
Shouts of approval broke the silence in the crowded room at the United States Courthouse in Brooklyn, when District Court Judge Jack B. Weinstein sentenced the rabbi and two other members of the league. The three could have received prison terms of up to five years each for conspiracy to manufacture explosives.

They pleaded guilty to the charge on July 9 after a pre-trial hearing on an indictment returned last May 13 accusing them of conspiring to transport stolen guns.

In imposing sentence, Judge Weinstein cautioned the defendants against violence. He warned that they must have nothing to do with guns, bombs, dynamite, gunpowder or any other weapons. And he declared that a breach of the peace would be considered a violation of probation.

Judge Renounces Means

"In this country, at this time, it is not permissible to substitute the bomb for the book as the symbol of Jewish manhood," the judge said. "If the terms of probation are violated the suspension of the sentence will be revoked and jail for the



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Rabbi Meir Kahane being carried out of U.S. Court House

full term imposed can result."

In an ebullient mood at a news conference afterward, Rabbi Kahane disavowed the court's injunction to eschew violence, saying:

"Sometimes, there is no other way. I am not against the use of violence if necessary."

"Who determines that?" he was asked.

"We do," he responded.

The rabbi's codefendants, Chaim Bieber, 41, of 225-06 138th Avenue, Laurelton, and Stewart Cohen, 18, 161-55 Jewel Avenue, Flushing, both in Queens, each received a three-year suspended jail sentence

and three years on probation. Bieber was fined \$2,500 and Cohen \$500.

All had promised that they would surrender the league's cache of firearms and explosive materials. In pronouncing sentence, the court criticized "those who have supplied the money" for their purchase.

Picketing Not Affected

"They remain in the background but are partly responsible for this mischief by these defendants who at least had the courage to publicly plead guilty," the judge said.

"The court is not enjoining