

Two U.S. Judges In Current Trials Are Trying Hard To Remain Calm

Both Leaning Over Backward To Maintain Judicial Mein Because Of Nature Of Charges And Antics Of The Attorneys.

By JAMES MARLOW
Washington, May 18 (AP)—Two Federal judges are leaning over backwards to stay calm.

One, Harold R. Medina, is presiding at the trial of 11 Communist leaders in New York. The other, Albert L. Reeves, has the trial of Miss Judith Coplon here.

In both cases tactics of the defense lawyers have annoyed the judges, and they've let it be known. But both are bent on doing nothing that could be called "unjudicial" or that would make them seem prejudiced against the defendants.

If the defendants are convicted and appeal to a higher court, the verdict against them might be thrown out if—

The defense lawyers could show that the conduct of the trial judges hurt their clients' chances with the jury.

If there is a conviction in those cases, they're pretty certain to be appealed all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Take the Coplon case—

Judith Coplon, 28, former Justice Department employe, is charged here in Washington, where she used to work, with taking government papers to injure the United States and help a foreign power.

(The FBI says she took the papers to New York and there met Valentin A. Gogitobov, a Russian. Both were indicted in New York on a charge of espionage conspiracy. Miss Coplon will be tried there later.)

Her attorney, Archibald Palmer, a stout man who hurries when he walks and hurries when he talks, has wrangled repeatedly at the trial with the government lawyer.

He's been talking for days, and some of this has annoyed Judge

Reeves. Recently he told Palmer: "I can't put up with any more of your childish doings. Let's try this case . . ."

The spectators in the courtroom have been getting a bang out of the doings and Judge Reeves had to warn them: "This is not a vaudeville show. If you want vaudeville, you'll have to go to another place."

In New York the 11 leaders of the American Communist Party were charged with conspiring to "organize . . . persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the government of the U. S. by force and violence."

They were indicted by a Federal grand jury last July. Their trial before Judge Medina didn't start until Jan. 17. It's still going on and probably won't end before August.

Thousands of pages of testimony and arguments have been used up already. There are more thousands to come. Medina, like Reeves, has tried to keep his patience. Some times he gets fed up.

For example, late in April Eugene Dennis, who is secretary of the Communist Party and is acting as his own attorney, got up to "make a brief observation." Finally Medina said to him:

"I suppose you are daring me to do something to you. You can be just as disorderly, just as disobedient as you like but you will not goad me into doing something which will be a source of difficulty later in the trial."

After that, Medina called a five-minute recess and when he returned the court was calm again.

No matter what the judges do or don't do, the defense attorneys will appeal any conviction of their clients on various grounds.

out yet how he might cause the same thing to happen to chickens and turkeys.

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This photograph shows Mr. Martin holding the calf, whose three front feet are visible. The extra leg adjoins the regular right foot.

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