

REPUTABLE CITIZENS "GUILTY"

THEIR "TRIAL" WAS MOCKERY

Rabbi Lefkovits Acts as Presiding Judge Over Bogus Court. Part of Entertainment Given by Covenant Lodge.

"Samuel Gittelson, you are charged by the grand jury with smuggling Chinese into the country in order to have some one rent the rooms where the Canton Grill now is. What is your plea guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty."

"Have you an attorney?"

"Yes" your honor? Abe Feldman."

Mr. Feldman addressed the court. "We are ready to go to trial, if it please the court, at once."

"Is the county attorney ready in this case?" Judge Maurice Lefkovits inquired of A. B. Kapplin.

"Yes, your honor."

The trial began. Chinese were introduced by the prosecution as witnesses. It was a clear case. Mr. Gittelson was found guilty and sentenced to buy the court a chop suey dinner next Saturday.

This was one of the cases before the mock court held by the Covenant lodge Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, at its regular monthly "open house" at Temple Emanuel last night.

B. Silberstein was accused of attempting to burn the temple. In the midst of the trial J. Schroeder jumped to his feet and confessed to

the crime. His testimony was stricken from the records as he lives in Duluth and was adjudged incompetent. Mr. Silberstein was found guilty and sentenced to smoke a court cigar.

Charles Oreckovsk" was accused of going to temple every Saturday night, but his attorney Samuel Weinstein made a motion in the midst of the trial that he be taken before a board of sanity and examined. The case was dismissed.

H. Y. Josephs was convicted of being a Russian fugitive. He was given the literacy test and failed miserably, and it was proved that he had smuggled himself into the country. He was sentenced to smoke one of the court's cigars, but said that he had rather go to Siberia.

After the court, refreshments were served and card games played. The evening was opened by the reading of papers by A. B. Kapplin and Mrs. M. C. Cook on "How to Controvert Popular Errors Concerning the Jews." Both speakers laid emphasis upon the necessity of the Gentiles to maintain an open mind if they would really know the truth concerning the Jews.