

**SIDIS GETS YEAR AND HALF  
IN JAIL**

**11 OTHER MAY DAY RIOTERS  
SENTENCED**

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William James Sidis, who was graduated from Harvard at the age of 15, told Judge Albert F. Hayden in the Roxbury Municipal Court yesterday that he is a Socialist, a believer in the soviet form of government, that he believed in evolution, that he does not believe in a god, that his god is evolution, and that he believes in our form of government to the extent of the Declaration of Independence. Sidis and 11 other persons who were arrested during the May Day riots in Roxbury were given jail sentences, the so-called Harvard prodigy getting a year and a

half.

The testimony of Sidis in the afternoon and the rebuke of Atty. Edward M. Shanley by Judge Hayden in the morning, when the attorney attempted to introduce evidence which the court excluded, were features of the trial yesterday.

Patrolman Samuel C. Hutchins of the Dudley street station had, in his direct examination, identified 7 of the 11 defendants who went on trial yesterday morning, including Edmund Savrie, 74 Cedar street, Roxbury; Peter Thompson, 15 Temple street, West end; Alex Glasnick, Sidis, Frank Szydlofski of 90 Hunneman street, Roxbury, and Samuel Shoyet of 1077A Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury.

While Hutchins was testifying Patrolman William E. Wiseman, who had preceded him on the witness stand, made some notes having no connection with the hearing, so when Hutchins concluded his testimony Attorney Shanley recalled Wiseman to the witness stand and

asked him to tell what notes he had made. Judge Hayden, arising from his chair, excluded the question and told Wiseman not to answer and to step down from the witness box.

As Wiseman walked to his seat Shanley asked him for the paper and received it. Here Judge Hayden told Attorney Shanley that he would be removed from the cases if he attempted to introduce evidence which the court had ruled out. Shanley replied that he appeared for defendants, stating that he was there to assert their rights and see that they were protected, but the court refused to allow him to proceed and told Atty. Thomas G. Connolly, appearing for other defendants, to take up the defence of those represented by Shanley.

### **Bars Attorney**

Shanley remained within the bar enclosure, but took no part in proceedings until Special Officer Stephen E. Gillis of the Dudley street station identified Andrew Ford of 23 Oakwood































