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START SELECTION
OF JURY TO TRY
FRANK ROBINSON

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MOSCOW, Idaho, May 14.
(AP)—Selection of a jury was started in federal court shortly before noon today to try Frank B. Robinson, internationally known founder of a psycho-religious belief on a charge of falsifying a passport request.

Court attaches said the jury might be completed and introduction of testimony be started this afternoon.

Robinson, also interested in several Moscow business ventures, including part ownership of a daily newspaper, pleaded not guilty before Federal Judge C. C. Cavanah Monday. He was indicted on three counts by a grand jury at Boise February 12.

Specifically, the grand jury charged statements that he was born in New York city, that he was an American citizen, were false.

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ROBINSON TRIAL
NEARLY ENDED

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MOSCOW, Idaho, May 19. (AP)—Arguments were half completed at noon today in the trial of Frank B. Robinson, head of a psychology-religious belief, on charges of falsifying a passport application.

Court attaches said the case, which started Thursday, would reach the jury this afternoon. Federal Judge C. C. Cavanah allotted each side an hour and a half for closing arguments. At the noon recess the prosecution had used 35 minutes, the defense slightly more than an hour.

Frank Griffin, assistant United States district attorney, summarized evidence introduced by the government to support its charge Robinson swore he was born in the United States, was an American citizen, knowing both statements were false.

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vention in the interests of the fifth district advisory club, said Long.

"Beck has always been a loyal Townsend club member," stated Long. "He does not belong to the Townsend insurgent movement."

'PSYCHIANA' FOUNDER
TAKES WITNESS STAND

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 18.—(UP)—Dr. Frank E. Robinson, founder of "Psychiana," was in the witness chair all this morning again in his own defense to federal charges of passport application falsification.

The trial seemed sure to run well into Wednesday. The defense has several more witnesses to call. Dr. Robinson was to continue his testimony this afternoon. Little new evidence was introduced at the morning session.

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MOSCOW MAN IS
FREED OF CHARGE

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MOSCOW, Idaho, May 20.—(AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted Frank B. Robinson, internationally known founder of a Psycho-religious movement, of charges of falsifying a passport application.

DR. ROBINSON ACQUITTED

BY JURY

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*Sealed Verdict Returned,
About 8 Hours; Court
Room Crowded. When
Report Read.*



Dr. Frank B. Robinson.

In a tense and crowded court room a federal jury this morning brought in a "not guilty" verdict for Dr. Frank B. Robinson, who had been charged with falsifying information in a passport application.

Tears came to the defendant's eyes as Court Clerk William McReynolds read the words "not guilty" in the jury's verdict.

Sealed Verdict.

The jury reached a verdict last night at about 12:30, closing eight hours of deliberations, in which at least 12 ballots were taken. Every exhibit in the case, including law books, documents, life insurance applications, and a photostatic copy of a newspaper page were in the jury room as they deliberated. The verdict was sealed and reported in open court at 10:05 o'clock this morning.

With the court room filled and many standing outside the door the verdict was opened by Judge C. C. Cavanah and handed to the court clerk who read it quickly.

The "not guilty" verdict climaxes a four-day trial beginning last Thursday morning, in which appeared government witnesses from England, Washington, New York and Canada.

In the original secret indictment returned by the grand jury in Boise last winter were three counts, based on the 1934 passport application. The government was forced to drop two of them at the beginning of the action.

Remaining was the single charge of falsifying information on a passport application, on which the "not guilty" verdict was brought. Five statements in the passport application were challenged by the government, and one of these was removed from the jury's consideration by Judge C. C. Cavanah.

Many Witnesses Called.

Among the government's witnesses were Merlin Smith, American vice-consul at Newcastle-on-Tyne; C. R. Bannerman, chief special agent of the department of state; H. J. Foley, chief clerk, department of records, New York City.

The government brought Clifford O. Barker, state department clerk, from Washington to testify that he had issued a passport to Dr. Robinson; R. G. Warnot, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; W. H. Wrightmeyer, Belleville, Ont.; and J. F. Templeton, Toronto, Ont., who testified to knowing Dr. Robinson when he was in Canada as a young man. Harry Thatcher, county auditor, was the first government witness.

The defense case brought to the stand Dr. Robinson himself; Mrs. Robinson; Mrs. Mabel Barnhisel, a sister-in-law of the defendant; John Palmer, executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Portland, Ore.

Character witnesses appearing for Dr. Robinson were General E. R. Chrisman, professor emeritus of military science and tactics, and retired army officer; Latah County Sheriff Charles Summerfield; C. H. Friend, federal farm debt adjuster and former state senator; R. E. Nordby, county commissioner; Murray Estes, Latah county prosecutor; Victor Ramstedt, merchant; and Dr. C. W. Tenney, director of the Idaho Institute of Religious Education.

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PSYCHOLOGIST FREED AFTER COURT TRIAL

Sealed Verdict Opened by Federal Judge After Long Jury Deliberation

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 20.—(U.P.) Dr. Frank B. Robinson, founder of "Psychiana," was acquitted today of charges of falsifying a passport application.

A federal jury deliberated seven and a half hours last night, reaching a "not guilty" verdict around midnight. The sealed verdict was opened by Judge C. C. Cavanah, Boise, this morning shortly after court convened at 10 a. m. (P. S. T.).

DROP CHARGES

The verdict found Dr. Robinson innocent of all four of the charges of the indictment that were intact after five days of the trial that opened last Thursday. They charged Dr. Robinson with "falsely, wilfully and knowingly" making the following misstatements in a passport application in 1934:

(a) He was a citizen of the United States; (b) he was born in New York; (c) he had never been out of the United States, and (d) that his father was dead.

Judge Cavanah eliminated a fifth clause regarding residence of Dr. Robinson's father in America between 1883 and 1887, since the prosecution had introduced no evidence concerning it.

THREE COUNTS

The original secret indictment of Dr. Robinson, returned by a federal grand jury in Boise February 12, contained three counts, two of which were eliminated as repetitions by Judge Cavanah in the opening arguments.

The prosecution brought to the stand seven witnesses from New York, Washington, D. C.; Canada and England.

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Small quantity might cause difficulties.

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MOSCOW, Idaho, May 20 (AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted Frank B. Robinson, internationally known founder of a psycho-religious movement, of charges of falsifying a passport application.

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ROBINSON FREED BY FEDERAL JURY

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 20. (AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted Frank B. Robinson, internationally known founder of a psycho-religious movement, of charges of falsifying a passport application.

The jurors reached their verdict shortly before midnight last night after about five and a half hours of deliberation. It was sealed by the bailiffs and returned when court was convened shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

The government contended Robinson's statements in the passport application that he was born in the United States and was a citizen of the United States were false. Actually, it insisted he was born in England.

Willis Turner, a farmer, foreman of the jury, said six ballots were taken, the first being six to three for acquittal.

PORTLAND, ORE., JOURNAL

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Religious Worker Tried on Passport Charge Acquitted

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 20.—(AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted Frank B. Robinson, internationally known founder of a psycho-religious movement, of charges of falsifying a passport application.

The government contended Robinson's statements in the passport application that he was born in the United States and was a citizen of the United States were false. Actually, it insisted, he was born in England.

In addition to being the leader of the religious movement, Robinson is interested in several Moscow business ventures, including a drug store, a newspaper and a business office building.

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Robinson Acquitted

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 20. (UP)—Dr. Frank B. Robinson, founder of "Psychiana," was acquitted today of charges of falsifying a passport application.

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Dr. Frank B. Robinson is Acquitted by Federal Jury

Dr. Frank B. Robinson, Moscow, defendant in a suit and charged with falsifying information to obtain a passport, was found not guilty by a jury in federal court. The jury, after eight hours returned its verdict of not guilty at 12:30 Tuesday night and at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning the court clerk read the verdict to the defendant.

The trial which lasted four days became international in its scope, with witnesses brought to Moscow from England and Canada. The suit centered about the birthplace of the defendant, who stated it was in the state of New York; the government seeking to prove that he was a British subject. It was stated that while Robinson was born in the United States, it was the wish of his parents, natives of England, to have their son recorded as a subject of England. It was reported that the defendant was born in the United States while his parents were here over a short period of years.

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to peddlers at fair returns. Asking price for No. 1s is reported at \$46 a ton. Sales of No. 2s have been made at \$35 a ton, it is understood.

JURY ACQUITS PSYCHOLOGIST

Founder of Religious Movement Wins Freedom in Passport Case

MOSCOW, Ida., May 20—(AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted Frank B. Robinson, internationally known founder of a psycho-religious movement, of charges of falsifying a passport application.