Government Ticker: March 14, 1942

SAN FRANCISCO. -- FEDERAL JUDGE A. F. ST. SURE TODAY SENTENCED
JOHN MAJUS, A SHIP CARPENTER FROM PHILADELPHIA, TO THREE YEARS IN
PRISON ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO DAMAGE THE S. S. CALMAR WHILE IT WAS
DOCKED AT OAKLAND.

ST. SURE REJECTED HIS PLEA FOR PROBATION, BASED ON A CONTENTION HE WAS "DISSATISFIED BECAUSE OF TROUBLE WITH SOME OF THE SHIP OFFICERS" AND HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH THE WAR EFFORT. THE JUDGE SAID MAJOS WAS AWARE HIS ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE THE STEERING GEAR BY SAWING IT IN HALF WOULD INTERFERE WITH CPERATION OF THE VESSEL, USED TO CARRY WAR CARGOES.

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