

# **A Former Leader of J.D.L. Is Sentenced to 3 Years In Violent-Harassing Plot**

Russel Kelner, who was a leader of the Jewish Defense League, was sentenced yesterday to three years in prison for illegally transporting a rifle in a scheme involving the violent harassment

of foreign officials in this country.

After the sentence was imposed by Judge Lloyd F. MacMahon in Federal District Court in Manhattan, Rabbi Meir Kahane led about 100 supporters of Mr. Kelner in a courtroom demonstration, singing Zionist songs and shouting epithets at the judge. About a dozen Federal marshals cleared the courtroom.

Judge MacMahon then moved to another courtroom, where he gave a suspended sentence to Thomas MacIntosh of Woodbury, N. J., who had pleaded guilty to participating in the harassment

scheme. The prosecutor, Joseph Jaffe, told the judge that Mr. MacIntosh had cooperated with the Government at "great risk" and was now in the protective custody of marshals.

Earlier, the judge had imposed indeterminate sentences of up to six years on three others who pleaded guilty in the case. They were Jeffrey Weingarten, a Brooklyn College senior; Steven Rom-bom, a high school senior in Brooklyn, and Steven Ehrlich of San Francisco. They were sentenced as youthful offenders eligible for parole at any time.

All five defendants pleaded guilty in the case, which involved a conspiracy that allegedly included a shooting in the Soviet Mission to the United Nations and the Soviet residential complex in the Bronx. No one was injured in the shooting incidents early this year.

Mr. Kelner, who is 35 years old and lives in Brooklyn, received a one-year suspended sentence last year for having made a threat on television to assassinate Yasir Arafat in 1974, when the Palestinian leader was visiting the United Nations.

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