
Girl Gets 10 Years for Anti-Draft Letters: Judge Pays Tribute to Her Intelligence as He Pronounces Sentence.

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SEATTLE, Dec. 13 [1917].— Federal Judge Neterer sentenced Louise Olivereau, convicted of sending anti-draft letters through the mail, to serve 10 years in the state penitentiary at Canyon City, Colo.

He sentenced her to a total of 75 years on the 6 counts on which she was found guilty, but decreed that the sentences on the various counts should run concurrently, so that the actual term of imprisonment will be 10 years.

She will serve her sentence in the state penitentiary at Canyon City, no provision having been made for women in the federal prison on McNeil Island [Washington].

Miss Olivereau was taken to the Pierce County Jail last evening, and United States Marshal Boyle said that she would start for Canyon City within a few days, after being allowed time to close up her business affairs.

Miss Olivereau took her sentence calmly. When asked by the court if she had anything to

say before pronouncement of sentence, she said that she had nothing to say.

In passing sentence Judge Neterer said: "This offense of which you were found guilty is a very serious one.

"The maximum penalties on the counts upon which you were convicted amount to 75 years. You must realize that we cannot get along without organized society," said Judge Neterer.

Pointing to the flag and declaring that it stands for liberty and justice, Judge Neterer said:

"I will not impose maximum penalties. On counts 1, 4, and 7, I sentence you to 10 years each, and on counts 3, 6, and 9 — 5 years each, or a total of 45. These sentences may be served concurrently, which will make your imprisonment for a term of 10 years."

He finished by declaring Miss Olivereau a woman above the average in intelligence, and hoping she would change her ideas to conform to organized government.†

†- Louise Olivereau was a philosophical anarchist. She served 2 years in prison for having sent anti-draft material through the mail.

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