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'NO INTENTION OF SKIPPING' ROSE ASKS OUT FOR APPEAL

Ottawa, July 31—(CP)—In a letter from Bordeaux jail near Montreal, written July 9, Fred Rose, Labor-Progressive member of parliament convicted of espionage, asked Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, minister of justice, to intercede for his release on bail pending hearing of his appeal and criticized Philippe Brais, special crown prosecutor.

The letter, tabled in the Commons today at the request of William Irvine (C.C.F., Cariboo), said that if his request for bail could not be granted, he would like to be transferred to a penitentiary because he was "practically in solitary confinement" and his time was not being counted as part of his six-year sentence.

The letter also criticized Inspector Harvison, of the R.C.M.P. espionage squad, and said that the police officer, at a time when the cause of the United Nations was grave, had congratulated an anti-Soviet lecturer. He said he had written Norman Robertson, under secretary of state for external affairs, and asked him if the R.C.M.P. were running the foreign policy of Canada. Declaring he had never had any intention of skipping bail, he recounted some of the events which had preceded his arrest.

He said that when he was originally released on bail of \$10,000 and later on bail of \$25,000 he also had plenty of time to get away if such had been his intention.

"I had no intention of skipping," Mr. Rose continued. "Whatever the consequences, I meant to go through with it, having enough faith that the good people of Canada will in

the days to come get a much better insight into the politics behind the spy trials."

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