

# HAUPT IN PLANT WHICH MADE NORDEN SIGHT

## Treason Case Witness Tells of Employment of Nazi Saboteur

Chicago, Oct. 30 (AP). — Herbert Haupt, a United States youth, who became a Nazi saboteur, once worked for a Chicago firm engaged in production of the supposedly secret Norden bombsight for aircraft, a witness testified today at the first treason trial in Illinois history.

The witness was Andreas Conrad Grunau, a native of Germany who managed the concern. District Attorney J. Albert Woll told reporters later that Grunau was "brought here and taken away in the custody of immigration authorities." An assistant prosecutor said Grunau was being held for a hearing by an alien board.

Grunau, a Government witness, identified himself as general manager of the Simpson Optical Company. He testified that the firm began manufacturing the Norden bombsight in 1937, and that Haupt and Wolfgang Wergin were employed by the concern from the spring of 1939 until May, 1941.

### Returned in Submarines.

The Government has stated that Haupt and Wergin—whose parents are among the six defendants—left the United States in June, 1941. Haupt went to Germany. He and seven other Nazi saboteurs were brought to this country in submarines in June, 1942. All were captured and Haupt and five others were executed in Washington Aug. 8.

Grunau told the jury that Haupt came to his home here last June 22, told him he had been in Mexico, and asked if he could resume his work.

"I told him it might be possible to arrange it and asked him to fill out an application," the witness said.

Under cross-examination by Defense Attorney Paul Warnholtz, Grunau said he was born in Prussia, served as a German aviator during the first Great War and came to the United States in 1926.

### Made "Things" for Navy.

Grunau related that his company began to make "things" for the United States Navy in 1935, but declined to describe the "things" because they were "naval secrets."

The prosecution put other witnesses on the stand in an effort to show that Haupt, 22-year-old member of the sabotage gang, was closely associated with the defendants after his return to Chicago.

The defendants, all accused of assisting Haupt, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Max Haupt; his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Froehling; and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Richard Wergin, friends of the family.

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