

Empak Fined, Given Six Months for Contempt

Julius Empak, national secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, was sentenced in District Court yesterday to serve six months in jail and pay a \$500 fine for contempt of Congress.

Sentence was imposed by Judge F. Dickinson Letts, before whom Empak was tried without a jury. Judge Letts found Empak guilty Monday of 68 charges of contempt of Congress for failing to answer questions before a one-man subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on December 5, 1949. Judge Letts denied bail, pending appeal.

Although Empak was found guilty on the 68 charges, the whole thing is regarded as one transaction and the maximum possible sentence that Empak could have gotten would have been one year and a \$1,000 fine.

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Questions asked Empak before the subcommittee included wheth-

er he had ever paid Communist Party dues. the questions for fear of possible self-incrimination.

During his trial Empak contended that he had refused to answer the questions for fear of possible self-incrimination. Judge Letts, however, upheld the contention of the prosecution that the defendant had failed to state clearly before the subcommittee his reason for refusing to answer

