

Israel Plane Smuggling Goes to Jury

Fate of Six Men and Corporation Weighed on Conspiracy Count

Fate of six individuals and a corporation charged with conspiracy to violate the U.S. Neutrality Act by smuggling planes and radio equipment to Palestine in 1947 and 1948 yesterday was in the hands of a jury in U.S. Judge Peirson M. Hall's court.

The defendants are Service Airways, Inc., of New York; Adolph W. Schwimmer, its former president, New York; Herman M. Greenspun, Las Vegas, Nev.; Ray Selk, 741 N Curson Ave.; Sam R. Lewis, 133 S Orlando Ave.; Leo Gardner, North Hollywood, and William Sosnow, New York.

Three-Month Trial

During the trial, which lasted three months, the defendants admitted sending a quantity of airplanes and equipment from Los Angeles to Palestine by way of Czechoslovakia, but contended that the planes and equipment were cleared by U.S. Customs and that no violation of U.S. law was committed.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Herschel E. Champlin, who prosecuted the case, introduced evidence purporting to show that the planes were equipped with machine guns in Czechoslovakia after having been flown there from Los Angeles and later were delivered to Israeli forces in Tel-Aviv, Palestine, where they were used in the war with the Arabs that was then going on.

The defendants face a possible maximum penalty, if convicted, of two years' imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine or both.