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JUDGE FAY L BENTLEY, JUVENILE COURT HERE, HAS SENTENCED

TWO 15-YEAR-OLD AVERAGE BOYS OF GOOD FAMILIES TO SIX YEARS

EACH IN THE REFORMATORY FOR TAKING AN AUTOMOBILE TRIAL

~~LASTED TWO MINUTES AND WAS HELD IN SECRET.~~ *trial* *was*

~~AND~~ *me* OTHER WITNESSES GIVEN NO OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY, BOYS HAD

NEVER BEEN ARRESTED BEFORE ALTHOUGH JUDGE BENTLEY, FORMER

TRUANT OFFICER FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, INTERPRETED TWO

DAYS OF TRUANCY IN 1931 AS A CRIMINAL ACT AND SAID SO.

WASHINGTON NEWSPAPERS BESIEGED WITH CRITICISM OF HER ACTION

FROM OUTSTANDING CITIZENS. CONGRESSIONAL IMPEACHMENT ACTION

THREATENED. HERALD TAKING NO SIDES MERELY PRESENTING VIEW OF

OUTSTANDING AUTHORITIES ON CHILD PROBLEMS.

PRESUMING THE ABOVE RESUME TO BE TRUE, AND IT IS TRUE,

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF HER ACTION, THINK YOUR VIEW OF THE

SENTENCE IMPORTANT. WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WIRE YOUR COMMENT

TO CITY EDITOR, WASHINGTON HERALD, COLLECT, AS SOON AS

CONVENIENT.

RAY HELGESEN CITY EDITOR WASHINGTON HERALD.

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