

LAWYER CITED ON CONTEMPT CHARGE

Cleveland, Ohio, March 2.—On a charge of contempt of court, Attorney Harold Gassaway, law partner of Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, was fined \$100 and sentenced to an indefinite term in the county jail by Judge Alta Corlett Monday. A stay was granted the lawyer on a petition of error presented to Judge Vickery in the court of appeals. Charles Gassaway, brother of the attorney and bondsman operating with the law firm, is at liberty on bonds growing out of the contempt charge.

It is alleged that Charles approached a Daniel Nuby, 2210 E. 78th St., who was about to be arraigned for violating the traffic law, and informed him that he could escape a jail sentence by securing the services of his brother at a fee of \$25. Thinking that the lawyer could "fix" the case, Nuby paid Charles \$13 on account, it was reported. When brought into the court, Nuby told of his transaction with Gassaway. Judge Corlett, the presiding magistrate, became angered and rebuked the attorney.

Judge Corlett took further action against the Gassaways by ordering them to stay out of the Central police station. This caused the lawyer to retort "I don't have to stay out of the police station." When reached by a Defender reporter, Judge Corlett stated that he had no desire to persecute anybody and did not want to take advantage of any lawyer, but that he was determined to break up certain unethical practices in the court.