

JAPS' CONVICTION HERE REVERSED

The conviction of two Seattle Japanese-American exporters, who were sentenced in 1943 in district court here on charges of conspiracy and of making fraudulent statements to obtain a State Department export license, was reversed yesterday by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, the Associated Press said.

The men are Charles T. Takahashi, owner-operator of the China Import and Export Company, and Edward Y. Osawa, company manager, who were sentenced by United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black.

The Circuit Court returned the case to the District Court for further trial "if the government be so advised.

Court records said the men had obtained permission to ship goods to a firm in Shanghai and were seeking permission to export oil-storage tanks to the same firm during the period of an executive order limiting export of critical materials. The prosecution charged the ultimate destination of the tanks was to have been Japan.

The reversal was on grounds of illegal search and seizure of personal papers from the pair by United States agents at the Seattle customs house during an interview.
