

Mrs. Dilling Asks For Radio Time

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Wants to Answer

Winchell Statements

CHICAGO, March 25 (C.T.P.S.). Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, central figure in the spectacular Dilling divorce case, made formal demand today upon the Blue Network, a radio chain, for time on the air to answer statements made over its facilities on March 1 by Walter Winchell, columnist and commentator.

As a result of Winchell's statements, he and three other persons, including Mrs. Dilling's husband, Albert, have been made defendants in a million-dollar suit for damages.

Contempt Citation Asked

In addition the four have been named in a counter petition asking for a rule to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court.

The contempt action is based upon charges that the four conspired to insert false and defamatory accusations into a divorce bill filed by Dilling on February 27. The accusations were inserted for the sole purpose of enabling Winchell to broadcast them, Mrs. Dilling charges.

Counsel Files Demand

Mrs. Dilling's demand for air time to answer Winchell was made through her attorney, Theodore W. Miller, and was directed to Mark Woods, president of the Blue Network, and to the cosmetic manufacturer who sponsors Winchell's broadcasts.

If the radio chain declines to grant the request, Miller will appeal to the Federal Communications Commission, laying before it all the facts his investigation has uncovered, he asserted.