

Dilling Fires Own Lawyer in Stormy Session

Denies He Authorized
Petition Linking Wife
To Agents of Axis

CHICAGO, April 22 (C.T.P.S.). Like Old Faithful, the geyser, the tumultuous Dilling divorce case erupted on schedule today before Judge Rudolph Desort, but the display was by far the most spectacular in the seven weeks of hearings. The developments:

1. Albert W. Dilling, attorney-engineer, and plaintiff, discharged his counsel, Maurice T. Weinshenk, because of a petition Weinshenk filed Tuesday in Dilling's behalf, linking Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling's name with those of convicted agents of Axis countries and with others accused of spreading Axis propaganda.

Charges Misrepresentation

2. Mrs. Dilling's secretary, Theodore W. Miller, filed a petition asking that Weinshenk be held in direct contempt of court and alleging that his Tuesday petition had been a misrepresentation of facts, filed without Dilling's knowledge or consent.

3. William J. Grace, attorney, whose name also was linked with those of the Axis agents, asked and was granted leave to file a petition seeking a rule to show cause why both Weinshenk and Dilling should not be held in contempt.

Getting New Counsel

As court opened, Attorney Grace rose with a motion that his name be expunged from the list of Axis agents and others in Weinshenk's petition. He also asked leave to file a contempt action against Dilling and Weinshenk. At this Dilling spoke up:

"I had no knowledge of that petition," he said. "The first I knew of it was when I read it in an afternoon paper under the headline: 'Dilling Links Wife to Axis.' That's a damnable lie.

"As a result I am getting a new lawyer to replace Mr. Weinshenk, and I am asking a 10-day continuance in order that he may familiarize himself with the case."