

Not Guilty Plea Made in Chicago By Mrs. Dilling

\$5,000 Bail Posted;

Mate Says She Will

Fight Removal Here

CHICAGO, July 23 (C.T.P.S.).

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, militant foe of communism, surrendered to Federal authorities here late today and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging her and 27 men with conspiracy to break the morale of America's armed forces.

After being fingerprinted, she posted \$5,000 bond for her appearance at a hearing here August 29 and was released. The hearing will determine whether she and two other Chicagoans must stand trial before a Federal court in Washington, where they were indicted.

Husband Invited Along

Mrs. Dilling learned of her indictment Wednesday evening through a radio broadcast and went into seclusion to complete arrangements for raising bond. This afternoon she appeared with her daughter, Elizabeth Jane, 16, at the office of a surety company.

On emerging with a company representative, she encountered her husband, Albert Dilling, attorney and engineer, with whom she recently was engaged in a long divorce battle in Superior Court, but with whom she is reported to be reconciled.

"Hello, there," she greeted him. "I'm going in to surrender. Come along."

Dilling joined the party.

Women Jam Hearing

The hearing room of U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, which seats about 25 persons, was jammed by more than 150 spectators, most of them women.

Asked for her plea, Mrs. Dilling replied:

"Absolutely not guilty. I am not represented by counsel, but would like to make a plea that this case be tried here in my own district."

"I am a member of the bar," her husband said, stepping forward. "I should like to pinch-hit for my wife. She is entitled to a hearing before being taken to Washington for trial."

"I keep house," Mrs. Dilling interrupted. "I wouldn't be able to look after my family if I were in Washington."

Denies Link to Others

Walker said a hearing on removal to Washington would be held August 29.

Dilling asserted that his wife had no connection with the other 27 defendants and proposed to conduct her case separately.

"Last time—during the World War—it was the fashion to put the Communists in jail," Mrs. Dilling again interrupted. "This time it seems to be the fashion to lock up the anti-Communists."

Mrs. Dilling then posted bond and was released. The two Chicagoans indicted with her were released on \$4,000 bonds earlier in the afternoon.

They are Donald J. McDaniel, dentist, and George Otto Brenne-
mann, an artist.



Mrs. Dilling Pleads 'Absolutely Not Guilty' in Plot Case

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network," indicted here with 27 others on a charge of conspiring to break the morale of America's armed forces, is shown with her husband, Albert Dilling, as she furnished \$5,000 bail before a U. S. Commissioner in Chicago yesterday and announced she will fight removal to this city for trial.