

# Mrs. Dilling Balks At Washington Trial On Morale Charges

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Chicago Woman Denies  
Any Part in Plot  
Against U. S. Army

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling yesterday contested the Government's efforts to send her to Washington to stand trial on charges of conspiracy to break down the morale of the United States armed forces.

At a removal hearing before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, she was asked if she ever had any intention of undermining military morale and she replied: "Absolutely not."

Her attorney, William Scott Stewart, maintained there was no evidence of conspiracy, but William Power Maloney, special prosecutor from Washington, asserted she had admitted she knew at least 12 of the 27 other defendants in the case.

Testimony then reverted to the early part of 1941, when Mrs. Dilling and a group of other women demonstrated against the lease-lend bill in the National Capital.

"Were you," queried Mr. Maloney, "one of those mothers of whom Senator Glass said: 'If these are mothers, God help the future of the human race.?'"

"Yes," Mrs. Dilling responded. "I called Senator Glass an 'overage destroyer of American youth' and he called me a 'fishwife', so we're even."

Maximilian St. George, counsel for two other Chicago defendants—Dr. Donald J. Mc Daniel and George Otto Brennemann—argued that no crime was charged in the indictment.

The commissioner continued the hearing until today.