

Out on \$5000 Bond

Mrs. Dilling Denies Attack On Morale

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, outspoken antiwar agitator, was released under \$5000 bond yesterday after she had pleaded "absolutely not guilty" in District Court to a charge of plotting with 27 others to undermine the morale of America's fighting forces.

Brought here from Chicago, the red-haired anti-Communist authoress appeared with her husband, Albert W. Dilling, a Chicago attorney, at the arraignment before Justice Jesse C. Adkins.

A fiery exchange of accusations between Dilling and William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, occurred in the proceedings. At one point, Maloney described Mrs. Dilling as a "stooge" for Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief, and Dilling countered with:

"I'll stack Mrs. Dilling's patriotism against yours any day."

Again, when Maloney denounced Mrs. Dilling as "an inkspot on the apron of American womanhood," Dilling termed Maloney's remarks as "vituperative, unjustified, and insulting."

Dilling protested the amount of the bond, which was \$4000 higher than the bond set in Chicago. Justice Adkins pointed out, however, that most of the other 27 defendants in the indictment, returned July 23, were under the same bond. Mrs. Dilling was released when her bondsman posted the bail shortly after the hearing.

Dilling said he was convinced his wife "will beat these charges," and said she would be represented at the trial by William Scott Stewart, whom he described as "one of the best lawyers in the country."

With several legal questions in the case unsettled, it appeared that the defendants would not be brought to trial within the next few weeks.