

Deatherage Is Witness Before Sedition Jury

George E. Deatherage, who was dismissed by Secretary of the Navy Knox last February from a post at the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Base on the ground that he was an "undesirable person," was a witness yesterday before the District grand jury, which has been hearing evidence presented by the Justice Department.

William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, who is in charge of presentation of evidence, said recently that the probe concerned matters relating to the indictment returned here in July charging 28 persons with conspiring to undermine the morale of the armed forces.

Mr. Deatherage was organizer and national commander of the Knights of the White Camellia. In testimony before the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities in 1939, he said the organization was opposing "Jewish Communism" in the United States.

Following his dismissal by Mr. Knox, Mr. Deatherage secured a position as an engineer on the West Virginia ordnance works, but resigned following criticism in Congress by Representative Dickstein, Democrat, of New York.