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Mrs. Dallant Asks Annulment From Red Spy

Dozenberg's Wife
Tells Experiences
With Soviet Terror

Tales of intrigue as the wife of a Russian spy were related yesterday in an annulment suit filed here by Mrs. Frances Dallant, a Social Security Board nurse, of the 3700 block Massachusetts Ave. N.W.

She asked District Court to annul her marriage to Nicholas Dallant, alias Dozenberg, now serving a sentence of a year and a day in Federal Prison at Lewisburg, Pa., for passport fraud.

Mrs. Dallant explained she met Dallant in 1932 while she was a student at George Washington University here. They were married August 21, 1936, in Yokohama, Japan.

Dallant, she said, pretended he was a movie producer and a native of North Dakota when they were married. She later learned he was a Russian secret agent.

As an alternative to annulment of the marriage, Mrs. Dallant asked that she be given a divorce and custody of her daughter, Ruth, 2½ years old.

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Security Board Nurse Sues Spy for Divorce

A four-year marriage with a background of international intrigue was related to U. S. District Court yesterday as Frances Dallant, Social Security Board nurse, sued for annulment of her marriage to Nicholas Dallant, alias Nicholas Dozenberg, Russian agent, now in the Federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Dallant, who declared she had no suspicion of her husband's activities until a visit to Russia in 1937, told the court she met Dozenberg while she was a George Washington University student in 1932.

The following month he sailed for Europe and when he returned they saw each other in New York, where she was attending Columbia University, Mrs. Dallant related. In August, 1936, she followed him to Japan, where they were married. Altho Dallant told her he was divorced, she later learned that his wife was a Russian agent who was required not to work with him, and that the wife did not die until January, 1936, in Tientsin, China.

During the early months of 1937 the Dallants traveled on what Mrs. Dallant believed was a sightseeing tour thru France, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany, she related. When they finally remained in Russia for two months before sailing to London, her suspicions were aroused, Mrs. Dallant said.

Left alone in her room for long

periods, Mrs. Dallant was visited by Russian officials, who questioned her, advised her against prying into her husband's affairs "provided she wanted no harm to come to her family in the United States." Dallant went to Manila and Mrs. Dallant returned to Washington, where he subsequently joined her.

Later she learned that Dallant had been arrested and admitted he was a Russian spy, she asserted.

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Her experiences have made her mentally and physically ill, Mrs. Dallant asserted. In addition, she said she has "lived in constant fear and has been subjected to examination by various Government agents."

She asked for annulment of the marriage, custody of their 2-year-old child and permission to resume her maiden name, Frances Davis DeLawder.

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Dozenberg's Wife Seeks Annulment

Mrs. Frances Dallant, 45, of 3700 Massachusetts avenue N.W., a nurse of the Social Security Board, has filed in District Court a petition for annulment of her marriage to Nicholas Dallant, alias Dozenberg, claiming she married him as the result of false representations and that he

"had been engaged in subversive activities" and had admitted having been a Russian spy.

The husband figured this year in Dies committee inquiries into un-American activities.

The complaint said Mrs. Dallant was married to Mr. Dallant in Yokohama, Japan, in August, 1936, after meeting him in Washington in 1932 while she was a student at George Washington University. It charges the marriage is of no effect

because of fraud, claiming that Dallant told her falsely he was in the motion picture business, also that she learned his name was Dozenberg and that he was born in Latvia, although he had represented to her that he was born in Bismarck, N. Dak.

Mrs. Dallant says she married him on his representation he was engaged in a reputable business. Formerly Francis Davis De Lawder, Mrs. Dallant served in the United

States Navy as a yeomanette during the World War.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallant have a daughter, now 2½ years old.

United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage is representing Mrs. Dallant.