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## Sister-in-Law Brands Dies Stooge Wife Deserter

Blasts Zack's Lie That Woman and Child Are Held as 'Hostages' in Soviet Union; Cites Letter Saying That Sister Has Good Job

(By Inter-Continent News)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Characterizing testimony of Joseph Zack before the Dies Committee in Washington as grossly false, Mrs. Shandle Handler asserted here yesterday, as the sister of Joseph Zack's wife, that she knows of her own knowledge that his wife and child are not "held hostage by Stalin."

Zack, "testifying" before the Dies Committee some days ago, had said that his wife and child were "held" in the Soviet Union to insure that he would "not talk," but that he was courageous enough to talk anyhow. He then gabbed on for hours, with accusations against many people and the Communist Party. But about his wife and child, Mrs. Handler said:

"I am the sister of Zack's wife, and I have the true facts from corresponding with her.

"When he returned from the Soviet Union several years ago, he was supposed to send money for fare for his wife and child to come back. Instead, he immediately began living with another woman in New York City and forgot about my sister. He never even wrote to her.

"Upon learning of this, I wrote to my sister in Moscow and asked her if she wanted me to send her the fare to come back to America, since he was living with another woman and evidently wouldn't send my sister any fare.

"My sister answered that she would not return, because she had a good job and the child was well

taken care of. She said she was terribly disappointed in Zack's actions and that she would prefer to stay in the Soviet Union.

"She said the child was given every attention and chance for development—even though he might not be getting his 'orange juice' as American kids, there were substitutes for that and he was getting something far more important by way of education and good care. She herself was attending a university and teaching in a kindergarten."

Mrs. Handler stated that the falsity of Zack's story about his wife and child might well show what his other "testimony" was worth.

The other woman, she added, left him in disgust when he became a stool pigeon. "He is despised by everybody, except Mr. Dies."