

Hoffmann to Be Called Again to Testify in Propaganda Probe

Michigan Legislator's Secretary Also Slated For Second Jury Quiz

William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, announced today that Representative Hoffmann, Republican, of Michigan will be called again to testify before the additional District grand jury inquiring into enemy propaganda and agents.

On the House floor recently, Representative Hoffmann charged that Mr. Maloney boasted he would defeat Republican members of Congress in three months. This Mr. Maloney emphatically denied.

Miss Helen Boyer, Representative Hoffmann's secretary, who has previously appeared before the grand jury, also will be recalled, Mr. Maloney said.

Baxter and Ahearn Called.

Scheduled to appear before the grand jurors today were David Baxter of San Bernardino, Calif., referred to by the Government as the chancellor of the Social Republic Society, and Michael Ahearn, research specialist associated with Miss Catherine Curtis, president of the Women Investors in America.

Mr. Baxter is slated to give further testimony before the grand jurors this afternoon.

The grand jury questioned him for more than an hour yesterday afternoon in what apparently was an unproductive session, because the witness was suddenly taken before Justice F. Dickinson Letts in District Court and threatened with a contempt of court citation unless he revealed certain information.

Seek Name of Leader.

Mr. Maloney took Mr. Baxter into court because, he said, the witness had refused to disclose to the grand jury the name of the leader of the Social Republic Society of America.

The court was told by Mr. Maloney that the grand jury, after repeated questioning, had been unable to learn from Mr. Baxter the name of the society's head.

Mr. Baxter, the court was informed, admitted he had written and distributed mimeographed broadsides for the society in which members were urged not to "forget your arsenal" and to keep a fresh supply of ammunition available, none of which should be more than a year old.

Reported to Have Answered.

In the courtroom, Justice Letts admonished Mr. Baxter he could be held for contempt of court and the witness quickly agreed to answer the grand jury's questions. The jury then reassembled and heard the answer. Mr. Baxter is reported to have admitted he was the leader of the organization.

In the courtroom, Mr. Maloney said Mr. Baxter, after repeated questioning, declared a "chancellor" headed the society, but he refused to identify the "chancellor."

Mr. Maloney revealed he asked Mr. Baxter in the grand jury room if the "chancellor" was Adolf Hitler. The reply, he said, was that Hitler had no connection whatever with the society, but under its rules and by-laws, he was not at liberty to disclose the name of the "chancellor."