

Nazi Probe Witness Advised to Testify; Asks to See Counsel

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Scribner's Magazine
Official Gets New Lawyer
After First One Quits

Advised by Justice James W. Morris to return to the grand jury investigating Nazi activities and search her memory for the answers to more questions, Miss Bessie Feagin, magazine promotion manager, in a surprise move today asked the court for more time to confer with new counsel and was ordered to return to court later in the day.

Miss Feagin is charged by Federal Prosecutor William Power Maloney of the Justice Department with being evasive in her answers to the grand jury. She appeared in court yesterday and was given until today to confer with counsel.

Her counsel, Nicholas Chiascone, withdrew after reporting he had conferred at length with his client and advised her concerning all the laws involved.

Justice Morris spent several minutes outlining to Miss Feagin the duties of a grand jury witness, then advised her to go back to continue her testimony. She insisted she wanted more time and was given until 2 p.m.

Prosecutor Maloney charged that Miss Feagin had failed to recall when questioned about a certain mailing list furnished to Scribner's Commentator, of which she was promotion manager. The names had been supplied to Scribner's, Mr. Maloney said, by former Senator Holt, Democrat, of West Virginia; Charles A. Lindbergh, Representative Fish, Republican, of New York; the Social Justice Organization of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana; the America First Committee, and other sources.

The official reporter for the grand jury was called to the witness stand, and read extensively from Miss Feagin's testimony.

Her testimony revealed that George T. Eggleston, editor, and Douglas M. Stewart, publisher of the magazine, had come here and conferred with her about her testimony.

It is understood Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Stewart may be questioned by the grand jury.

The mailing list was said by the prosecution to contain about 200,000 names. The magazine, according to Government contention, cannot be purchased on newsstands, but is mailed directly to subscribers.