

Townsend Is Witness Before Special Jury Probing Propaganda

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Ralph Townsend, who was missing for more than five weeks as a witness in the Government's investigation of subversive propaganda, was questioned this morning by the special grand jury sitting in the Municipal Court Building.

A writer of articles in Scribner's Commentator of Lake Geneva, Wis., said to have been favorable to Japan, Mr. Townsend was wanted some time ago for questioning by the grand jury, but did not appear when expected and could not be located. He finally appeared in Washington last Wednesday and was formally subpoenaed to testify before the jury today.

Tall, gray-haired and distinguished, Mr. Townsend was formerly an American vice consul in Shanghai.

Another witness who appeared this morning to testify some time today was Kenneth Scott, a professor at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, who was understood to be the author of an article appearing in the Scribner's Commentator. With him was Mrs. Scott, who had not been subpoenaed, but, it was indicated, might be asked to appear with her husband before the grand jury.

Another witness is Miss Catherine Curtis of the Women Investors of America. She lives at 1825 Jefferson place N.W.

Miss Curtis, before her appearance at the grand jury, insisted she was a voluntary witness and not under subpoena. As chairman of the committee known as "The Women's National Committee to Keep Us Out of War," Miss Curtis said that the outbreak of war between the Axis powers and the United States had completely changed the purpose of her committee. Women now, she said, should do their best to make the American war effort a success.