

# 8 of 33 Seized In Spy Hunt Plead Guilty

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New York, July 18—America's biggest spy hunt: counter espionage that Federal operatives said linked the German government with a five-year-old world-wide offense against this country's physical safety—today brought pleas of guilty from eight persons and put 23 others under high bail to await trial.

Of 33 persons arrested, 23 pleaded innocent when arraigned in Brooklyn Federal court on a two-count indictment accusing them of acting as agents for a foreign government without so registering and of conspiracy to transmit vital information to a foreign government.

Five pleaded guilty to both counts, as had one other previously. Two pleaded guilty to the charge accusing them of being unregistered agents but innocent on the conspiracy charge, and two others were being held elsewhere for later arraignment.

### Trial Set Sept. 3

Repeatedly overruling defense counsel pleas for lower bail, Federal Judge Clarence G. Galston said he was setting \$25,000 bail for each defendant "because of the very serious nature of the case."

He set trial for September 3 and permitted each defendant to reserve the right to change his plea.

Two women acknowledged their participation in the alleged plot the Government said extended as far away as Shanghai and into many ports in South America and Europe.

One woman, 26-year-old Lilly Barbara Carola Stein, Austrian-born brunet model, whispered her plea of guilty to both counts and was led away by a matron. As she passed through the courtroom, a woman spectator mumbled: "Shame. Shame."

### Some Involved Grin

This was the only evidence of demonstration at the sparsely attended arraignment. Most of the defendants remained quiet and sullen, although some broke into wide grins as they were led away.

The other woman pleading guilty to both counts was Else Weusthenfeld of Manhattan, 52-year-old German-born stenographer.

The defendants face a possible maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted on the first count, and a 20-year sentence if convicted on the second.

Others pleading guilty to both counts were Axel Wheeler-Hill, New York, brother of former Bund Leader James Wheeler-Hill; Alfred Brokhoff, West New York, N. J., and Rene Emanuel Mezenen, of Flushing, N. Y.

Evelyn Clayton Lewis, of New York, pleaded guilty on the first but innocent on the second count, and Paul Otto Alwin Fehse, of New York, under sentence of 18 months in Atlanta Penitentiary, pleaded guilty on the second count. He was not indicted on the first.