

Ingalls Sentence

8 to 24 Months

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'I'm a True Patriot,'

Aviatrix Insists

Aviatrix Laura Ingalls must serve from 8 to 24 months in prison for her self-chosen role of "Mata Hari." This sentence was meted out to her yesterday by Justice James W. Morris after Miss Ingalls had told the Federal Court jurist she was a "truer patriot than those who convicted me."

She was convicted on a charge of failing to register as a Nazi agent. It was testified at her trial that she had accepted \$400 from the German Embassy here to "carry on" her activities. Most of her activities, it was brought out, were confined to isolationist and anti-British preachings.

One witness had testified that she wore a swastika embossed bracelet. Others accused her of making pro-Hitler statements.

When Justice Morris gave her an opportunity to speak yesterday before imposing sentence, she declared:

"One of the great fundamentals inherent in the Constitution is liberty of conscience, and with the interests of my country at heart I thought I had the right to work against a war I knew we were not prepared to fight."