

# Griffin Fights Removal Here With F. D. Letter

**Tribute to His 'Good  
Citizenship' Was  
Written in Albany**

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (N. Y. News.)—A letter from Franklin D. Roosevelt, complimenting him on his "fine spirit of fair play and good citizenship," was accepted as evidence today in the removal proceedings against William Griffin, publisher of the New York Enquirer, Sunday afternoon street sales newspaper.

Griffin, called a traitor in court today, is fighting removal to Washington to stand trial with 27 others on charges of conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces.

## Roosevelt's Letter

The letter, written in the executive chamber at Albany while Mr. Roosevelt was New York's Governor, said:

"Dear Mr. Griffin: I hope that you can make a seconding speech in Chicago. I do not know whether it is possible to have this done, but I hope it can, especially because you have always shown such a fine spirit of fair play and good citizenship."

Griffin also testified that on March 10, 1936, President Roosevelt appointed him to the International Commission between Poland and the United States.

William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, who is prosecuting the case, vigorously opposed admission of such testimony and accused James D. C. Murray, counsel for Griffin, of "dragging in" the name of the President.

## Calls Him "Traitor"

"Mr. Murray descends into the language of a legalistic pimp once in a while," said Maloney. "Griffin is a traitor and I will prove it when I get him in Washington."

"I wouldn't characterize anyone by that name until it is proven," admonished Commissioner Garret W. Cotter, before whom the hearing is being held.

"A rose by any other name smells just as sweet," observed Maloney.