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U. S. Secrets Reported Found on Blount Yacht



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Accused Yachtsman and His Attorney

Edward Blount, 30, former Census Bureau employe (left), shown with one of his attorneys, Woodruff Weaver. Blount has been accused by Secret Service agents of openly threatening to kill President Roosevelt. Blount pleaded guilty to the charge on arraignment before Federal authorities.

Ex-Census Worker Is Suspected of Nazi Connections

Secret Service agents who arrested Edward de Roulhac Blount, 30, on charges of openly threatening the life of President Roosevelt, yesterday were reported to have discovered secret Government documents on the yacht of the former Census Bureau employe.

It was understood last night that an investigation was under way to learn if Blount had any connection with Nazi undercover organizations in this country.

Lived on Yacht

Blount, who lives with his father, Walter E. Blount, social registerite and mining executive, on the yacht Sunshine anchored in the Washington Channel off the Seventh Street Wharves, was arrested by Secret Service agents several days ago.

Employed as a calculator with the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce, Blount had been trailed by the agents for almost a month after they had been informed he had been going around town openly threatening to kill the President.

Jury Hears Agent

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage, Blount pleaded guilty to the charges and was released on \$1,500 bond. This was later raised to \$5,000 on orders from District Attorney Edward M. Curran.

Yesterday Mandeville C. Frost, Secret Service agent who signed the complaint in the case, appeared before the Grand Jury and testified.

Conviction on the charge carries a maximum penalty of a \$1,000

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