

Coffee Challenged By Miss Kellems to Repeat His Charges

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Dares Congress Member
To Waive Immunity for
Talk Involving German

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TORONTO, April 1—Vivian Kellems, Westport (Conn.) war contractor, today challenged Representative Coffee, Democrat, of Washington to make outside Congress his charges that she is the sweetheart to a Nazi agent in Argentina and is a "menace to the American war effort."

In a statement replying to charges which Representative Coffee made on the House floor yesterday in Washington, Miss Kellems dared him "to make those same statements outside, where I can hale you into court, force you to prove them, or put you in prison where you belong."

Miss Kellems' statement read:

"The perfect co-ordination and teamwork among Secretary Morgenthau, Mr. Drew Pearson and Mr. Coffee is a joy to behold. On March 28, I sent a letter to the Secretary in regard to the income tax. Apparently he didn't like it. As immediately following its receipt little wooden-headed Charlie McCarthy Coffee bounds to his feet on the floor of the House, froths at the mouth drags out that some old Nazi spy, and drags out that same old Nazi spy. Now everybody please stand by Sunday for Mr. "Shrew" Pearson.

"Tut, tut, boys. Fun's fun and all that sort of thing, but why don't you come out in the open and fight

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clean? Come off the floor of that House, Mr. Coffee, where you are protected by your congressional immunity and try to act like a man instead of the sneaking coward you are. Make those same statements outside where I can hale you into court, force you to prove them, or put you in prison where you belong. Before the New Deal destroyed the last vestige of decency and ethics in our country any man who would do what you have done would be publicly horsewhipped.

"For the first time in my life I regret I am not a man so that I could take on the job and land you in the hospital all wrapped up in bandages

"Until now I have refused to make a statement regarding Count Zedlitz because there are some things that cannot be said until this war is over. Also what I have to say is so important that I refuse to say it until I am before a congressional committee or in court where my testimony will be a matter of record.

"However, since Mr. Coward Coffee and Mr. Shrew Pearson are so insistent, I will refer them both to the FBI. After my return from South America in the spring of 1941 I made a complete report to the FBI, and again late in 1943 I gave the FBI additional valuable information regarding Count Zedlitz.

"I also submitted to the State Department a comprehensive report on his activities both before the war and up to the present time. Since these brilliant detectives, Pearson and Coffee, have access to confidential State Department files, as well as to the United States mails, why don't they give that report to the public? It will provide interesting reading.

Talked to Dies.

"I have recently had two conversations with Congressman Dies and after he has made mincemeat of Walter Winchell, a job well under way, I am hopeful he will subpoena "Shrew" Pearson and give me the excruciating pleasure of testifying at the same time.

"If the FBI will consent I will make a full statement regarding my conversation with them. Perhaps Mr. Dies can discover for the American people how letters from the United States mails come into the hands of second-rate radio commentator and a poptun Congressman. If those letters are authentic, the last time I saw them was when I put them in a mail box.

"Your vicious Nazi smear technique of the New Deal has been successful in silencing other American citizens who have dared to differ with the views of the present administration. But since I have nothing to conceal, I am not afraid and all your fulminating and personal abuse will not swerve me from my purpose which is to effect the

my purpose, repeal of the income tax and to persuade Congress to pass some sensible tax laws."

"While our boys are being slaughtered on foreign battlefields because they haven't enough weapons, you are taking our tax money and throwing it away in silly boondoggling not remotely connected with winning the war.

"The American people are sick of the boondoggling, they are sick of the income tax, they are sick of you—and you're all on the way out. We will exterminate the Japs and the Nazis with bullets, but you traitorous New Dealers will get yours with votes next November.

"Now, boys, who don't you think up a new one; why don't you say I'm married to Mr. Hitler?"