

Woman Sought in Spy Case

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The lady known as Kay... mystery woman in the case involving Robert Lanas Vallecilla, former employe of the Office of Inter-American Affairs who is charged with espionage, was being sought by FBI agents throughout Washington today.

The woman is believed to have been the wife of the 35-year-old Colombian who will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage this morning with FBI officials present to

ask that Vallecilla be held in \$50,000 bond.

Vallecilla, formerly employed as a translator in the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, was taken into custody by Federal agents after investigations revealed, they said, he had definite tieups with Berlin.

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 30 years, as he will be tried under peacetime laws. The alleged acts of espionage having taken place prior to our entering the war.

Vallecilla was a model young man, in the eyes of Mrs. A. C. Hutchinson, 3195 Porter st. nw., at whose home he was living at time of his arrest.

According to Mrs. Hutchinson, Vallecilla had told her he planned on becoming an American citizen, but later decided to "wait a bit." He came from Columbia two years ago and, said Mrs. Hutchinson, brought an American girl to her home early this spring, introducing her as his wife.