

# Publisher Testifies In Odd 'Spy' Case

Washington

A newspaper publisher said yesterday that one of his former editors received several documents from the FBI, including one that was "dangerous."

The publisher also said the former copy editor had told him of being given money by a Soviet official.

However, Publisher John Seigenthaler of the Nashville Tennessean told a House Subcommittee he is convinced the copy editor, Jacque Srouji, had "been used" by the FBI and that the agency was trying to "use" the newspaper.

In nearly three hours' testimo-

## Snake Kills Worshipper

Matewan, W. Va.

A 61-year-old man was bitten fatally by a snake during religious services at a fundamentalist church near this Mingo county town, authorities said yesterday.

County coroner Ernest Ritchie said Curtis Mounts was bitten twice on the arm by a cottonmouth moccasin Tuesday night at snake handling ceremonies at the Jesus Church on Ben creek. He died Wednesday.

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asked her to tell the FBI anything she learned in the Soviet Embassy.

Seigenthaler said she told him she got \$400 from the Russians.

Seigenthaler also said that Srou-

ny before the energy subcommittee of the House Small Business Committee, Seigenthaler told a complicated story of Srouji's work with the Tennessean and her frequent contacts with the FBI.

Seigenthaler fired her two weeks ago after she told him of her relationship with the FBI.

He said that until quite recently, the newspaper carried stories based on information Srouji got through contacts with the FBI.

"I had no hint at that time that news source might have been a two-way conduit," he said.

He said Srouji once told him that an FBI agent had made a disparaging remark about Seigenthaler. She also showed him, just before he "separated her" from the newspaper, a document marked "confidential" that was "sensitive" and "dangerous" he said.

Seigenthaler said Srouji had told him that while she was writing a book about nuclear safety and the mysterious death of one worker at a Kerr-McGee plutonium plant in Oklahoma. She had gone to the Soviet Embassy in Washington to ask about a Russian nuclear device.

He said Srouji told him that she met the second secretary of the embassy, that she and the secretary had dinner together once, and that the FBI found out about it.

He said she told him the FBI

ji "is a loyal citizen of this country" and said he was sure she had not been supplying information to the Russians.

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