

Missing Bridges Witness Shows Up With Hazy Memory and Four G-Men

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5—The most dramatic moment of the Bridges hearings came this afternoon as the government presented its second rebuttal witness. He was Maurice Cannalonga, who disappeared on May 7 after giving Defense Attorney Richard Gladstein a deposition which contradicted his original testimony. He walked into the courtroom with an FBI agent on either side of him.

The first two questions revealed that the FBI has had him in custody since May 29, but did not produce him. He showed the subpoena which the defense had ordered served on him on May 7, and the next moment admitted that he had been served with another subpoena in Seattle on May 29, and had not received the defense order until he arrived in San Francisco on June 1.

MEMORY TROUBLE

Under direct examination, he stated that he was drunk at the time he talked to Gladstein and gave him the deposition, and that he could not remember what was asked of him. Then Prosecutor Del

Guercio read from the deposition and wanted to know if he had been asked questions concerning his original testimony, and if he had given the answers contained in the deposition.

Cannalonga, whose "recollection of the meetings was hazy," immediately remembered that he had not been asked the questions and had not answered them. Under cross-examination he admitted discussing his testimony with and giving a statement to Earl V. Connelly, assistant chief of the FBI.

FOUR SHADOWS

He admitted that four G-men constantly accompanied him since his arrival in San Francisco. "There were four of 'em," he said. "They relieved each other." Q. (by Gladstein) "Was there any time when they were not with you?" A. "Yeah. When I went to bed."

He named Agents Medalla, Deveaux, Means, and one whom he pointed to in the courtroom and called "Joe". Cannalonga was very evasive about his interviews with FBI agents, not recollecting things which happened two days ago. He said that since his mysterious disappearance, he has been fishing in the mountains near Olympia, Wash.

His deposition was given in the presence of Rosco Craycraft, Portland Longshore official; Wm. Lord, law partner of Oregon's Governor Sprague, and Ray Shoemaker, a Supreme Court reporter. Craycraft stated that the night before the deposition was made Cannalonga said that FBI Agents Medalla and Dickstein had threatened him with 20 years' imprisonment on a Mann Act charge if he did not sign false statements against Bridges. When the actual deposition was taken, Cannalonga refused to answer questions about the FBI and walked out of the room.