

# Charges Army Sergeant Says He Was 'Big Shot'

Aaron (Archie) Webber, testifying yesterday in his own defense, denied he had conspired with an army sergeant and Ted Clavir in order to obtain an army rejection.

Earlier, a procession of alibi witnesses took the stand as the defense sought to establish that Clavir, charged, with engineering an army rejection plot, was in Ottawa on Sept. 25, the day R.C.M.P. officers swore they saw him pay-off Sgt. Douglas Brayley with \$250.

"Nipper," Clavir's tiny fox terrier, again figured in the trial along with a gabardine coat and a hombourg hat, said by the R.C.M.P. to have been worn by Clavir on Sept. 25.

Corroborating Clavir's testimony, Webber said he met Sgt. Brayley on Sept. 13 as Clavir and Webber were homeward-bound from the theatre. The three entered a coffee shop, Webber said, adding that during the ensuing conversation, "Brayley told me what a big shot he was down at the Exhibition reception depot."

## Continues Monday.

Webber testified Brayley told him that if he would give him a letter from his doctor pointing out his disabilities, he would facilitate his rejection.

After undergoing medical examinations, he received an E. category, Webber said. His testimony will be continued Monday.

Sgt. Brayley had testified he had baited a trap for Clavir under instructions from the R.C.M.P.

Also being tried are Maurice Mandel and David Lipson father-in-law of Webber and Mandel.

Albert Clavir, brother of Ted, testified Ted arrived in Ottawa the evening of Sept. 24, leaving several days later. His evidence was corroborated by Mrs. M. Moyes, whose husband is superintendent of the Ottawa apartment building in which Albert Clavir resides.

"There is no mistake about it," she said. "I saw Ted Clavir leave his brother's apartment on Sept. 25. We said 'hello.'"

Walter Foster, a taxi-cab operator, testified he drove Clavir to the

Royal York Hotel one day in September.

"I picked him up downtown. We drove to his house, where he left his dog, which always accompanies him, and picked up some luggage. He told me he was going away."

## Hat Another Alibi.

When the question of the dog was broached again, Judge Parker smiled and asked Arthur Roebuck, counsel for Clavir:

"Are you going to file the dog as an exhibit?"

Mr. Roebuck had previously suggested that since the R.C.M.P. had not seen the dog when they identified Clavir, they were mistaken in their identification.

A grey hombourg hat was produced in court by Mr. Roebuck as the only hombourg owned by Clavir. Previously, R.C.M.P. officers said Clavir had worn a blue hombourg.

A cheque dated Sept. 25, and signed by Clavir, payable to a Toronto clothing store for a gabardine coat, was filed by Special Prosecutor J. C. McRuer. Clavir explained he had bought the coat Sept. 24 and had given his wife a cheque dated Sept. 25 in payment for the coat, which she was to pick up after alterations were made.

A record-book produced by the store clerk, showing another purchase made by Clavir on Sept. 24, was questioned by Mr. McRuer, who suggested the "5" had been erased and a "4" inserted.

"We will check that up," Mr. McRuer declared.

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