

WATCHED CASH BEING PASSED, OFFICERS SAY

The alleged payment of money by Naiffé M. Stephen to Robert A. Allen during two of the numerous street meetings held by the pair and observed by the R.C.M.P., was described yesterday by R.C.M.P. constables testifying at the trial of Stephen, Allen, R. A. Irwin and Robert Douglas, charged with participating in a draft conspiracy.

The trial, which continues today, saw further light shed on the mystery of "Room 214" of a Bay St. building yesterday. Testimony was given by an R.C.M.P. constable who posed as an office boy in the office of James Butler, Selective Service enforcement officer, and recorded a conversation between Butler and Allen.

During the course of cross-examination of Crown witnesses, who reported on the movements of Allen, Stephen and Douglas, Joseph Sedgwick, counsel for Irwin, consistently objected for the record that the evidence presented did not pertain to his client.

Saw Accused Later Bank.

Cross-examined by Thomas Creighton, counsel for Allen, Constable R. J. Cherry, R.C.M.P., reiterated that on June 14, 1943, he had seen what appeared to be money pass from Stephen to Allen while the pair were in Allen's car. Constable T. V. Magnusson said earlier in the same day he had observed Stephen enter a bank.

The second exchange of money was reported by Constable James Clish, who testified Stephen handed Allen a number of bills, while the two were seated in a car at Bay and Temperance Sts.

James H. Rooney, in whose name the lease for "Room 214" was drawn, testified he had never occupied the office. He explained that an accountant to whom he had turned over a number of accounts, had been in possession of the office for six weeks from the date

of the lease. When one of the key accounts was lost, Mr. Rooney said he decided to re-rent the office.

During a chance encounter with Stephen, he learned Stephen needed an office for a tire business and made a verbal agreement with Stephen to take over "Room 214," Mr. Rooney testified.

Acted as Office Boy.

Constable T. V. Magnusson, who acted as "Tommy, the office boy," in Mr. Butler's office for two days, testified Allen asked Butler for consideration on behalf of a man arrested as a delinquent. Allen told Butler he had had several cases of a compassionate nature "fixed up," and suggested that perhaps the case in question could be "looked after," Constable Magnusson testified.

Several days following this incident, Allen revisited Mr. Butler and told him the man had been to see his "downtown friends," but that they were not dependable. Constable Magnusson said, adding that Mr. Butler made an appointment for Allen to see Mr. Irwin.

Constable A. G. Adamson, R.C.M.P., testified seeing Stephen in the company of Kershenbaum, one of the men with whom the accused are alleged to have conspired.

Describing the raid on the Stephen home, Constable Clish reported that among the documents found were call-up notices; note books with names, A. B. Zack and Bob Allen recorded, and other documents, which J. J. Robinette, special prosecutor, explained had no significance in the case, but would be used later to compare with handwriting on another document.

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