

Accused Win Appeals For Freedom on Bail

New Charges Laid at Ottawa Hearing Based on Spy Probe

Ottawa, March 13. — (CP) —Magistrate Glen Strike said in Ottawa police court to-day that he will grant bail in the case of all four persons accused of participating in a Russian sponsored spy ring in Canada. Mr. Strike said he would set the figure of the bail later in the day.

Crown Opposes Pleas

The four accused were remanded to March 20.

Mr. Strike made the announcement after additional charges had been laid against the accused—Mrs. Emma Woikin, 25, former cipher clerk in the Department of External Affairs; Miss Kathleen Mary Willsher, 40, assistant registrar at the office of the United Kingdom high commissioner to Canada; Edward Wilfrid Mazerall, 29, an employee of the National Research Council division which developed radar, and Capt. Gordon Lunan, 30, a Canadian army officer on loan to Canadian Information Service.

Special Crown Prosecutor Lee Kelley said he was opposed to bail in all cases, but that if it was granted it should be between \$6,000 and \$10,000 for Capt. Lunan and \$3,000 for the other three accused.

Request Modest Bail

Counsel for Mazerall asked that he be released on bail of \$500. Other defence counsel did not mention any figure in their applications for bail, but said that their clients were persons of modest means and that the figure should be low.

The additional charges, laid under the Official Secrets Act, were similar to charges laid when the accused first appeared in court two weeks ago.

Four additional charges were laid against Mrs. Woikin, who on her appearance in court Monday withdrew an earlier plea of guilty to the original two charges. Her counsel, J. P. Erichsen Brown, asked for a week's remand.

Faces Six Charges

The new charges against Mrs. Woikin, bringing her total to six, are:

1. She made confidential notes useful to the Russians.
2. She communicated confidential documents to unauthorized persons.
3. She used information for the benefit of the Russians.
4. She retained confidential notes in her control which should not have been retained.

The additional charges against Miss Willsher were that she communicated unauthorized information to unauthorized persons, and

that she used information prejudicial to the state.

Miss Willsher made no plea when she appeared in court, but elected to be tried by jury. Her counsel, Rowell Laishley, said he was ready to proceed and he made application for bail.

The original charges against Mrs. Woikin and Miss Willsher charged them with conspiring to make information available to the Russians and with having made the information available.

Men Also Charged

Later, three additional charges were laid against Edward Wilfred Mazerall, 29, an employee of the National Research Council division which worked on the research and development of radar.

Five new charges were laid against Capt. Gordon Lunan, 30, a Canadian army officer on loan to Canadian Information Service. Capt. Lunan was remanded until March 20.

Mazerall, without entering a plea, elected to be tried by jury, and his counsel, Royden Hughes, said he was prepared to go on with the case. He sought to have Mazerall released on \$500 bail.

In making his plea for bail, Mr. Hughes said that "these people are not spies and at the most they could only be called the victims of spies."

The additional charges against Mazerall were that he communicated to unauthorized persons documents which were under his control; that he retained secret and confidential notes which should not have been so retained, and that he used confidential and secret information for the benefit of Russia.

Fear For Safety

The new charges against Capt. Lunan were that he made confidential and secret notes intended to be of use to Russia; that he communicated secret and confidential documents to unauthorized persons; that he used secret and confidential information for the benefit of Russia; that he illegally had in his possession secret

and confidential documents; and that he received secret and confidential documents from Mazerall.

On the question of bail, Mr. Kelley said that while the crown was not authorized to consent to bail he did not think he should exercise any "undue pressure" upon the magistrate against bail.

"There is some doubt as to the safety of these people if they are admitted to bail," Mr. Kelley added. "Their testimony might involve others who still are out of custody and these people might not be able to appear in court through no fault of their own."

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