

# COMMIT AGATHA CHAPMAN FOR TRIAL, COURT RULES

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Ottawa, Oct. 22 — Charged with conspiring to communicate secret information to Soviet Russia, Miss Agatha Chapman, Bank of Canada economist, appeared for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Glenn Strike in police court here today and was committed for trial.

Born in England 39 years ago and a resident of Canada since 1918, Miss Chapman sat beside her counsel as Igor Gouzenko, former cipher clerk at the Soviet embassy, took the stand. Before he fled the embassy on Sept. 5, 1945, Gouzenko lived in "an apartment on Somerset St., a few blocks from where Miss Chapman resides.

"I object to the admissability of the embassy documents," said Mr. Beament.

"Are you going to claim they are also entitled to diplomatic immunity?" asked J. J. Robinette, of Toronto, special crown prosecutor. This argument was advanced in the supreme court by Mr. Beament as counsel in another case.

"Not at this stage. I might win the point and disrupt the whole proceedings," Mr. Beament replied as the court smiled.

"In all the documents you saw at the embassy, can you recall ever seeing the name of Agatha Chapman?" Mr. Robinette asked Gouzenko. "No, I never saw it," replied witness.

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