Release Linton On Bail

Mystery Woman To Get Hearing Week Tuesday

Montreal, April 12, (CP) Freda Linton, last link in the Soviet espionage case in Canada, to-day was freed on \$5,000 bail for preliminary inquiry April 19 on a charge of conspiring to give away Canada's official secrets.

Crowded Court

The 33-year-old brunette who surrendered yesterday to Royal Canadian Mounted Police after being missing for three years did not plead when brought into a crowded courtroom.

Defence Counsel Joseph Cohen, K.C., who yesterday said she was expecting to become a mother in two months, asked a low bail be granted "because of her condi-

Special Crown Prosecutor Guy Favreau argued for bail of \$10,000. However, Judge Gustave Marin

fixed it at \$5,000.

She was arraigned in Peace Sessions Court after a score of

cases involving burglars, thieves and small-time bandits had been disposed of.

Then the clerk of the court called out, "Freda Linton."

This was the name she used when working for the National Film Board in 1945.

The short 33-year-old woman vho has been the "mystery" figire in this case during the years police have sought her, entered he court room from the rear and stood behind the bar.

With the consent of counsel, reading of the charge which alleges that she conspired with two other convicted spies, Fred Rose and Dr. Raymond Boyer to violate the Official Secrets Act, was dispensed with.

Defence Counsel Cohen said the charge listed various substantive offences under the Official Secrets Act as well as conspiracy.

"These offences, my lord," said Mr. Cohen, "have become what is known as "The Espionage Case!"

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