

Defense States Rose No Worse Than Shugar; Gouzenko Evidence In

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Montreal, June 6 (CP).—Chief Defense Counsel Joseph Cohen, K.C., said today the defense intends to show the King's Court Bench jury trying Fred Rose that documents purporting to implicate Rose in an alleged espionage conspiracy were "of no more serious a nature than those produced at the preliminary hearing of Dr. David Shugar."

(Dr. Shugar, former employee of Research Enterprises Limited, after preliminary hearing of charges against him arising from the espionage investigation, was not committed for trial because the judge ruled there was insufficient evidence.)

This defense intention was expressed during continued examination of Igor Gouzenko, former cipher clerk at the Soviet Embassy and star witness in the Montreal-Cartier Labor-Progressive member of Parliament's trial on charges of conspiring to communicate information to Russia.

Both prosecution and defense finished their examination of Gouzenko at today's comparatively dull sitting. The 27-year-old Russian, whose revelations set off the espionage investigation, has been in the witness box for all or part of the last seven days of the trial.

Indicates Another Agent

Before stepping down to make way for other witnesses, Gouzenko told the court of an alleged woman agent of the Russians who had worked in the National Film Board. He identified her only as "Freda," and said her chief was "Grierson."

(John Grierson, chairman of International Film Associates, was former head of the Film Board.)

In his evidence, Gouzenko did not identify "Grierson" beyond giving his surname and he declared that he was not an agent. He said Col. Motinov of the Russian Embassy had planned to approach "Grierson" with a view of arranging that "Freda" work with "Professor" (identified as Dr. Raymond Boyer) so she could be of more value to the alleged espionage ring.

Gouzenko said the Film Board was of no interest to the espionage organization.

Legal argument developed during the hearing when Mr. Cohen, questioning Gouzenko on documents he claims he brought from the Embassy Sept. 5, 1945, attempted to have placed on the record parts of a Royal Commission report referring to Dr. Shugar.

Mr. Justice Wilfrid Lazure ruled that such evidence would be "illegal at this time," and said he considered the decision in the Shugar case had no bearing on the present trial. Special Federal Prosecutor F. Philippe Brais, K.C., and Oscar Gagnon, K.C., argued the point for the Crown.

Never Met Non-Russians

Gouzenko reiterated his statement of yesterday that he had never met any of the non-Russian alleged co-conspirators mentioned in the indictment against Rose. He had no personal knowledge of their meetings and other activities.

He confirmed authenticity of a document produced by the Crown which said "Debouz" (Rose) "worked with 'the neighbors' (N.K.V.D.—Russian Secret Police) up to 1924."

The document was allegedly in the handwriting of Col. N. Zabotin, former Russian military attache and described as the brains of the spy ring. Gouzenko said the date "could have been" an error but that it formed the basis of his statement to the Royal Commission that the N.K.V.D. were operating in Canada after 1924.

Asked why there was no file of Fred Rose among the documents he brought from the Embassy, Gouzenko said Rose was in closest touch with Maj. Sokolov, member of the Embassy staff, who "didn't think it would be good" to keep files.

Gouzenko, asked by the defense if he had thought about his plans for the future, said he intended to "live and work with my hands and head—I think my plans will be fulfilled; I am young and I can work."

After Gouzenko's evidence was completed, Kathleen Willsher, former stenographer at the United Kingdom High Commissioner's office in Ottawa, now serving a three-year prison term for contravention of the Official Secrets Act, was recalled to the stand, from which she identified two persons who were called into the courtroom as "Eric Adams" and Agatha Chapman.

She said the man was the Adams she mentioned in her testimony yesterday. She had met the woman at

social gatherings in Ottawa at which politics were discussed.

Boyer Diary Filed

Sgt. Edward Chamberlain of the RCMP followed her to the stand and said he had been assigned Feb. 15, 1946, to search the home of Dr. Boyer. He identified a pocket diary as one he had found on Dr. Boyer's person.

Mr. Brais read from the diary the words "G. Lunan," "Chubb," "Dave Shugar," and "A. S. Steinberg," in connection with various January and February dates.

The booklet was filed under reserve of objection by the defense.

With the Crown's case against Rose drawing near its close, Edward Mazerall, sentenced recently to four years in prison after conviction on charges of conspiracy arising out of the espionage probe, was scheduled to appear on the witness stand tomorrow afternoon.

Mazerall, who has appealed his sentence, was authoritatively reported to be in Montreal under guard tonight pending his expected release on bail for which application was made today.

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