



PREPARES TO TELL STORY TO JURY—Judith Coplon as she waited in District Court to take the stand in her trial on espionage charges. She was briefed by her attorney, Archibald Palmer, with whom she is shown. (From yesterday's last edition. —AP Photo.)

### Loyalty Oath Irked Officials, Miss Coplon Says

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Communist Party activities in the United States. Her boss, William E. Foley, chief of the internal security section of the Justice Department, came to her office, she related, with a document bound in a black cover with the words "top secret" standing out in white letters.

"Had you ever seen anything labeled top secret in your whole Government career?" Mr. Palmer asked.

First View of Top Secret. "Never," she responded, "that was the first time I said, 'top secret' is something new, isn't it? That must be about the atom bomb. I was joking because the highest classification I had ever seen before was strictly confidential."

Miss Coplon said Mr. Foley told her: "you ought to read this later in the day because it's hot stuff." "I thought he was joking," she continued, "because it sounded like stories you hear about the Army—you know about the way the Army, they say, classifies newspapers as top secret."

"Anyway, around our office we felt that a lot of the confidential material from the FBI was a laughing matter. For instance, we would read testimony given before the House Un-American Committee in the newspapers and the next day we would get a confidential FBI report containing the same material, only it was listed as coming from confidential informants. And just by reading the newspapers you could tell who the confidential informants were."

Report Put on Desk. After telling her that she should read the "top secret" report, Miss Coplon continued, Mr. Foley took it away from her. Later he came back and put it on her desk again. "I glanced through it," she said, "and said, 'Do you want me to give you a report on this? This seems to be old stuff.' It had material about the Silvermaster case which had been in all the newspapers and I noticed something about the first Soviet Ambassador to the United States who was deported back in the early '20s, I believe."

"Mr. Foley said he didn't want a report, he just thought I might be interested in glancing at the report. The incident was very odd. I couldn't understand it—first he said read it, then he took it away, then he came back and said, 'I glanced through it,' and then he took it away. I considered it an amusing incident. And that's the whole story about that secret report."

A two-paragraph typewritten memorandum containing a reference to the "top secret" report was found in Miss Coplon's purse. It said she had not been able to obtain a copy of the top secret report on Soviet intelligence and Communist Party activities, but she had glanced through it and was satisfied it contained nothing of interest.

Believes It Was Decoy. Mr. Palmer asked her if the memorandum, taken from her purse was "written in the serious, comic vein in which you were writing your book which we'll talk about later?" "Yes, that's right," Miss Coplon responded with a smile. "That's what it was all about."

Mr. Palmer asked Miss Coplon if she now felt that the "top secret" Communist Party report was a "decoy" document intended to entrap her. FBI witnesses have testified that two "decoy" reports containing information about atomic energy were deliberately routed to Miss Coplon's desk after reports of a "leak" in the Justice Department's internal security section were received last December.

"Yes, looking back, I believe that was a decoy, too," she said. Miss Coplon said she was unaware that she was suspected of disloyalty and never had any idea that as many as 25 FBI agents were trailing her at the same time before she was arrested. Didn't Suspect Phone Tapping. Mr. Palmer asked her if she ever suspected that her telephone was tapped.

"About three days before I was arrested," she said, "I heard a strange crackling sound on the wire and told a friend about it. He said that didn't mean the wires were tapped because they do that so quietly."

The defendant, accused of stealing Justice Department secret reports with the intention of turning them over to Russian spies, was wearing a trim black suit and a white blouse today. Her cheeks were unrouged but her lips were tinted scarlet. She appeared entirely at ease and gestured from time to time with her hands to emphasize a point.

Tells Jury of Romance. Miss Coplon had first taken the stand yesterday with the courtroom crowded and a line standing in the courthouse corridor hoping for admittance.

Her testimony yesterday was concerned mostly with her meetings with Valentine Gubitchev, the Soviet engineer to whom she is charged with giving secret Justice Department information. Miss Coplon has maintained constantly her relationship with Mr. Gubitchev was only romantic.

"When you met Mr. Gubitchev," Mr. Palmer asked, "did you find him to be a charming person?" "Surely," Miss Coplon lowered her eyes and said "I did."

Mr. Palmer asked Miss Coplon to tell the jury "what was impressing your female heart and mind." "I thought he was attractive," the defendant answered in a soft voice. "Also he had an enormous knowledge of literature, of music, an amount that I had never experienced in any other person."

"In any other man?" asked Mr. Palmer. "That is true," the 28-year-old suspended Justice Department political analyst answered. "—or woman for that matter. He was a sensitive, intelligent person. He was a gentleman, respectful. I found his personality attractive and I thought he was charming."

Miss Coplon emphatically denied that she had ever given Gubitchev, who is at liberty under \$100,000 bond on espionage charges any secret documents which the prosecution alleges she pilfered from Justice Department files.

Gave Him Cookies and Tie. Last Christmas, Miss Coplon said, she gave the Soviet engineer who was employed by the United Nations in New York, a necktie and a bag of cookies. He gave her a bouquet of flowers. Those were the only things they ever exchanged, she said.

After Mr. Palmer read the indictment charging she stole FBI secrets with intent to aid a foreign power and injure the United States, Miss Coplon said firmly, "that is not true."

Denies Subversive Activities. She denied she had ever engaged in any subversive activities and added: "I was never and I am not now a Communist."

The grief-stricken, black-clad mother of Miss Coplon leaned forward eagerly while her daughter testified. When Miss Coplon stepped from the stand, she hurried to her mother's side and knelt on one knee to snuggle into a maternal embrace.

First Meeting With Gubitchev. Miss Coplon gave the following description of her first meeting with Mr. Gubitchev, in answer to questions by Mr. Palmer: Q. At the time when Mr. Gubitchev met you and you met Mr. Gubitchev, will you kindly tell us under what circumstances you happened to meet him and what circumstances he met you, and let the jury hear it? A. Well, I went to the Museum of Modern Art the day, which was the Saturday of this Labor Day week end, and I was looking around at the pictures. As you know, it is devoted to modern art and surrealist pictures. Q. After you met this gentleman, Mr. Gubitchev, on this day, will you kindly tell me did you discuss with him art? A. Yes. Q. Now, before you met Mr. Gubitchev, when you were on your tour, Cook's, and what you mentioned, did you have anything at all to do with any Communists or any subversive organizations while you were on this Cook's Tour? A. No. Q. In so far as you are concerned, do you speak Italian? A. No.

Q. Do you speak French? A. Very badly.

Tour Lasted Two Months. Q. This particular Cook's Tour lasted altogether, with the trip and all, about how long? A. About two months.

Q. How much of that time did you spend in Europe? A. Well, I got to Europe about May 28 and the boat left France on July 14.

Q. Were you followed—not personally—by Mr. Foley, the head of your department—he also took a trip to Europe about the same time? A. Yes, I believe our ships passed at sea.

Q. Ships that passed in the night. You never met Mr. Foley in Europe and he never met you? A. No, not in Europe.

Q. It was just a coincidence. When you went to Europe, did you visit art museums while you were there? A. Yes.

Q. What art museums did you visit? A. Well, in Paris the Louvre, as well as other not so quite-well-known museums.

Q. Did you visit any art museums in Rome? A. Oh, yes, the Vatican Galleries; and particularly in Florence I spent quite a time in the National Gallery and the Uffizi Gallery in Florence; and in London a lot of the art in the streets too, statues, etc., and in the churches.

Q. When you went to Europe, you knew nobody in Europe; you had no knowledge of any person you were going to meet. Isn't that so? A. Not exactly. I did know some girls who had been working in Washington who were working in Paris at the American Embassy. Then I had a few names of people to look up, people gave me to look up.

Q. During the time you were in Europe, did you ever in any wise associate with Communists, Communist activities, or any persons engaged in subversive activities? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did you discuss your job, your position, with anybody in Europe? A. No. It was funny. On my passport they gave me as my profession "analyst." So, some thought I was some sort of psychoanalyst. They think in America—

Q. (Interposing) Yesterday Mr. Whearty was talking about psychiatrists. A. I thought I was in love with him, yes.

Q. As you left this restaurant you told us, explain to this jury just what occurred—and, in that connection, the scenes that have been depicted by the separate FBI men who watched you and followed you—tell us what occurred in connection with his conversation with you on January 14 about being a married man.

A. Well, as I say, it was either just before we were leaving the restaurant or when we had left the restaurant, when he said to me there was something he had to tell me. He could not keep it from me any more. I guess that was because of my asking him all the time to come and visit my family.

Felt Imposed On. He told me then that he was a married man, and at the same time he started trying to tell me how miserable he was with his wife, etc. I was so astounded and so furious, and I felt imposed upon, and everything, his having kept this information from me all the time, that I guess I let loose and I started to cry; and I had a newspaper and I was brandishing it, I guess, and he tried to calm me, tried to put his arm around me, and I pushed him off with the newspaper.

By this time he was getting excited, too. He was saying that I was completely unreal. He said I was provincial, like American women, that I was not trying to listen to him, to explain; his life was miserable, etc.

Well, we walked through the streets. We got in the subway. By that time he was a little bit more controlled.

After the Russian engineer met her at the Art Museum, Miss Coplon testified she gave him her telephone number in Washington and he called her during the latter part of September and they made a date to meet again in New York.

Q. (By Mr. Palmer) Where did you go with him to the best of your knowledge? A. We went to Central Park.

Q. What did you do in Central Park? A. Went rowing.

Q. He did the rowing? Not Good at Rowing. A. Most of it; I am not good at that.

Q. You are not very good at it? A. No. Q. And afterwards—you seem to be a hearty eater—did you go to some place to eat with him? A. Yes, we did. We went to Longchamps.

Q. When was the next time you met Mr. Gubitchev? A. It was in October. Maybe it was the second week or the beginning of October.

Q. What source of income other than your salary did you have? Received Money From Father. A. My father used to give me some money.

Q. Outside of your father giving you money, you had no bonds, no stocks, or real estate? A. I had some war bonds.

Q. The war bonds, so far as you are concerned, are something you bought in connection with your salary? Mr. Kelly: Just a moment. Let the witness testify.

Mr. Palmer: Is "war bonds" going to affect you? I withdraw the question.

By Mr. Palmer: Q. In the first place, how many war bonds did you have altogether, all of your savings by working in the Government? A. I have never added them up.

Q. About how much? Cashied Bonds For Trip. A. I cashed a sizable part of them when I went to Europe, maybe about \$3,000. I do not know.

Q. That is the limit you were ever able to accumulate, and the

stable part you spent going to Europe? A. Yes. Q. How long a time elapsed from the time of your first employment until you decided to go on a vacation? A. June, 1943—my father gave me a few bonds, but most of them I acquired myself.

Q. Why did you make up your mind to go to Europe instead of one of our places here in this country? A. Well, I had not had a vacation in years. I thought I would like a long vacation and also a change. I wanted to get out of Washington. I did not want to spend it around Washington. So, I decided I would like to go to Europe. Mr. Foley himself had been discussing going to Europe. He had an advance reservation on the French Line which he had gotten. I just decided it would be a good idea, because I had not used any money on a vacation in years.

Was Never Married. Q. Up to the present date, Judy—and I do not want to go into your secrets—but have you been married in all your life? A. No. Q. When you went to Europe, Judy, you had gone into Government service at what age of your life? A. Just 22.

Q. How old were you when you came back? A. From Europe? A. 27. Q. Anyway, during all of those

years you had not met the man whom you had fallen in love with, or the man who had fallen in love with you, successfully—I mean by that giving lawyers a chance to get them a divorce after they get married.

A. That is right. Mr. Palmer asked Miss Coplon to tell about the first time the Russian took her home.

"The time in Central Park, he took me home that night," she said.

Gubitchev Didn't Come In. Q. Did he take you upstairs to your home? A. He took me to the door. He took me up in the elevator but he did not come in my apartment.

Q. It was quite late? A. Yes. It was late in this sense. My father used to go to sleep at about 10:30 or 11 and I did not want to interrupt him.

Q. You spoke about the fact that he telephoned you? Did he telephone to your home? A. In New York? Q. Yes.

Q. By the way, did Mr. Gubitchev have an accent of any kind? A. A very decided accent.

Mother Answered Phone. Q. In connection with your father and mother, did there come a time from time to time when Mr. Gubitchev would telephone to your home and sometimes your mother would answer the telephone? A. Yes.

Q. And then you spoke to him 901 Washington Bldg. D-1921

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