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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.

Lovalty Oath Irked Officials, Miss Coplon Says

(Continued From First Page.) | The defendant, accused of steal-| Q. Do you speak French?

ing Justice Department secret Communist Party activities in the reports with the intention of turn-United States. '

Her boss, William E. Foley, chief was wearing a trim black suit lasted altogether, with the trip broadly speaking, between the of the internal security section of and a white blouse today. Her and all, about how long? the Justice Department, came to cheeks were unrouged but her lips A. About two months. her office, she related, with a doc-ument bound in a black cover were tinted scarlet. She appeared Q. How much of that time did first of January, 1949, about how many times did you see Mr. Gubitwith the words "top secret" standing out in white letters. "Had you ever seen anything emphasize a point.

was the first time I said, 'top se- for admittance.

labeled top secret in your whole asked

First View of Top Secret. "Never," she responded, "that in the courthouse corridor hoping time?

Tour Lasted Two Months. ing them over to Russian spies, Q. This particular Cook's Tour

entirely at ease and gestured from you spend in Europe? A. Well, I got to Europe about time to time with her hands to May 28 and the boat left France on July 14.

Tells Jury of Romance. Q. Were you followed-not per-Government career?" Mr. Palmer Miss Coplon had first taken the sonally-by Mr. Foley, the head of stand yesterday with the court- your department-he also took a room crowded and a line standing trip to Europe about the same

A. Yes, I believe our ships passed at sea.

A. Very badly.

crét is something new, isn't it? Her testimony yesterday was That must be about the atom concerned mostly with her meet-Q. Ships that passed in the bomb. I was joking because the ings with Valentine Gubitchev, night. You never met Mr. Foley highest classification I had ever the Soviet engineer to whom she in Europe and he never met you? seen before was strictly confiden- is charged with giving secret A. No. not in Europe. Miss Coplon said Mr. Foley told Justice Department information. Q. It was just a coincidence.

her "you ought to read this later in the day because it's hot stuff." Miss Copion has maintained con-stantly her relationship with When you went to Europe, did you visit art museums while you were there? A. Yes.

"I thought he was joking," she Mr. Gubitchev was only romantic. "When you met Mr. Gubitchev," continued, "because it sounded like stories you hear about the Army- Mr. Palmer asked, "did you find visit? Q. What art museums did you about the way the Army, Visited Louvre in Paris. they say, classifies newspapers as Demurely, Miss Coplon lowered him at 193d street, went up Na-A. Well, in Paris the Louvre, as gle avenue and Sherman avenue her eyes and said "I did." top secret. well as other not so quite-well- and the balance. Will you kindly "Anyway, around our office we Mr. Palmer asked Miss Coplon known museums. felt that a lot of the conifidential to tell the jury "what was im-Q. Did you visit any art mu- lanes to what happened, when, for material from the FBI was a pressing your female heart and seums in Rome? laughing matter. For instance, we mind." A. Oh. yes, the Vatican Gal- that night by Mr. Gubitchev that would read testimony given before "I thought he was attractive," leries; and particularly in Flor- he was a married man, and under the House Un-American Com- the defendant answered in a soft ence I spent quite a time in the what circumstances? National Gallery and the deal Gallery in Florence: of course in the as I try to remember—I do not remember whether it was just streets too, statues, etc., and in before we left the restaurant or mittee in the newspapers and the next day, we would get a confiden-tial FBI report containing the same material, only it was listed as coming from confidential in-"In any other man?" asked Mr. the churches. formants. And just by reading the newspapers you could tell who the "That is true," the 28-year-old you knew nobody in Europe; you lieve is because I had been asking

approached you from the time of Q. He did the rowing? the arrest to the present moment?

A. Never. Q. Now, in connection with Mr. that. Gubitchev, after you had this question asked of you by me. I ask you now, as I was asking you a to be a hearty eater-did you so me a few bonds, but most of them moment ago, before I interrupted, to some place to eat with him? did you or Mr. Gubitchev at any A. Yes, we did. We went to time, between the time you met Longchamps. him up until the time you last saw met Mr. Gubitchev? him, ever on any occasion, to your A. It was in October. Maybe knowledge, talk to him about your it was the second week or the job, or did he talk to you about beginning of October. his job?

A. He could not tell me much Received Money From Father. about his job. I was not inter- A. My father used to give me ested. I do not know anything some money. So far as my job goes, when Mr. stocks, or real estate? MacKnight (Jesse MacKnight, formerly chief analyst at the Justice cautioned me, as well as the oth- bought in connection with your used any money on a vacation in that he telephoned you. Did he ers, not to discuss the fact that salary? we worked in the foreign agents' Mr. Kelly: Just a moment. Let

registration section with people, the witness testify. He said in general it was a good Mr. Palmer: Is "war bonds" goidea not to. So I used to tell peo- ing to affect you? I withdraw the ple I was involved in some ad- question. ministrative law. In fact a lot of people never knew I was in the place, how many war bonds did A. No. foreign agents' section until they you have altogether, all of your read it in the newspapers after savings by working in the Govern- Judy, you had gone into Governmy arrest.

Discussed Personal Problems.

ment?

Q. So far as you are concerned. at no occasion did he ever ask you questions regarding your employment, the nature of your em- them when I went to Europe. ployment, and you, as you said maybe about \$3,000, I do not know. before, were not interested and Q. That is the limit you were

knew nothing at all about it? A. That is correct. Although I did discuss one time, later on, not this day in question, when I met him, a personal problem which had arisen in my work, in connection with another person, but it

was nothing to do with my work. Q. It was a personal problem regarding you and an individual?

A. That is correct. Q. It was outside the question of your work?

with my work.

time you first met him, around Labor Day of 1948, up to the

chevi

Finally Learned of Marriage. Q. Now, during this period of time, during these six occasions which you met him, which we will discuss as we go along, did Mr. Gubitchev ever tell you or had you reason to believe he was

Q. When, for the first time, did you discover the fact he was mar-

A. The night of January 14. Q. Now, in connection with the night of January 14, testimony has been offered by Mr. Miller. (FBI Agent T. Scott Miller) sitting here, and the other agents.

tell us, as I go back in memory

the first time, were you told on

sizable part you spent going to years you had not met the man over the telephone at your home Europe? Not Good at Rowing. A. Yes. A. Most of it: I am not good at

Q. You are not very good at it? on a vacation? Q. And afterwards-you seem. A. June, 1943-my father gave married.

I acquired myself. Q. Why did you make up your Q. When was the next time you one of our places here in this

country? A. Well. I had not had a vacation in years. I thought I would said. like a long vacation and also a Q. What source of income other

change, I wanted to get out of than your salary did you have? Washington. I did not want to spend it around Washington. So. decided I would like to go to Europe. Mr. Foley himself had Q. Outside of your father giving been discussing going to Europe. about construction engineering. you money, you had no bonds, no He had an advance reservation on

the French Line which he had got-A. I had some war bonds. ten. I believe, the early part of Q. The war bonds, so far as you 1948. I just decided it would be did not want to interrupt him. Department) first hired me, he are concerned, are something you a good idea, because I had not

> 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 By Mr. Palmer: Q. In the first married in all your life? Q. When you went to Europe.

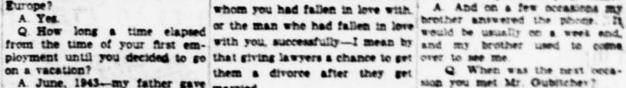
ment service at what age of your

A. I have never added them up. life? A. Just 22. Q. About how much? Cashed Bonds for Trip.

A. I cashed a sizable part of came back? A. From Europe?

Q. Yes. A. 27.





A. That is right.

Mr. Palmer asked Miss Copion then, to the best of your know! mind to go to Europe instead of to tell about the first time the edge ?

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

Gubitcher Didn't Come In. Q. Did he take you upstairs to your home?

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

telephone to your home? A. In New York?

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

A. A very decided accent Mother Answered Phone.

A. Yes.

Q. In connection with you: father and mother, did there come a time, from time to time, Q. How old were you when you when Mr. Gubitehev would tele-

> phone to your home and sometimes your mother would answer the telephone?

Q. And then you spoke to him 901 Weshington Bidg

for YOU! Investigate.

brother answered the phone. It

Q When was the next occa-

Q And where did you meet him

Meeting at Columbia U

versity. He told me he had some

work to do on some construction

problem and he had to go up to

Q Columbia University has a

A. Well, I do not know whether

The large library is

he was using the engineeting

Q Did you so anywhere will

A. Yes. It was a rather mild

UNDERSTANDING

If you "hear all right" but

don't understand, the new

SONOTONES were designed

day, I remember, and we walked

right down to Riverside Drive.

Built for

very large and extensive librars

Columbia University

library.

South Hall

him then'

A. I met him at Columbia Uni-

sion you met Mr. Oublichev? A. It was the end of October



We are...we guessed wrong, tailored too many tropicweave suits...and bad weather hit us hard! We can't eat 'em, we've got to sell them...not in July, not in August, BUT **RIGHT NOW in JUNE!**

a married man?

A. Never.

ried?

A. Yes; it had nothing to do Q. Will you kindly tell me.

many times did you see Mr. Gubit-

A. About six.

confidential informants were." **Report Put on Desk.**

After telling her that she should woman for that matter. He was that so? read the "top secret" report. Miss a sensitive, intelligent person. He A. Not exactly. I did know sions, and each time he gave me Coplon continued, Mr. Foley took was a gentleman, respectful. I some girls who had been working an excuse, he was busy or had

"and said, 'Do you want me to ing." give you a report on this? This Miss Coplon emphatically deseems to be old stuff.' It had ma- nied that she had ever given terial about the Silvermaster case Gubitchev, who is at liberty unwhich had been in all the news- der \$100,000 bond on espionage papers and I noticed something charges any secret documents about the first Soviet Ambassador which the prosecution alleges she to the United States who was de- pilfered from Justice Department po: tod back in the early '20s, I files. believe.

Gave Him Cookies and Tie. "Mr. Foley said he didn't want

Last Christmas, Miss Coplon Europe? a report, he just thought I might said, she gave the Soviet engineer Much Ado About Psychoanalyst. A. No. It was funny. On my

to me to look up.

A. Not to my knowledge.

my job as a political analyst.

the Louvre and other places?

Q. What did he say?

Told Him Where She Worked.

A. Yes.

Nations.

be interested in glancing at the who was employed by the United report. The incident was very Nations in New York, a necktie passport odd. I couldn't understand it— and a bag of cookies. He gave first he said read it, then he took her a bouquet of flowers. Those fession "analyst." thought I was some sort of psychoit away, then he came back and sail glance through it, and then he took it away. I considered it After Mr. Balmer read the inanalyst. They think in America-Q. (Interposing) Yesterday Mr. an amusing incident. And that's After Mr. Palmer read the in-the whole story about that secret dictment charging she stole FBI chiatrists. Whearty was talking about psy-

secrets with intent to aid a foreign report. A two-paragraph typewritten power and injure the United

memorandum containing a refer- States, Miss Coplon said firmly, ence to the "top secret" report "that is not true." was found in Miss Coplon's purse. Denies Subversive Activities. It said she had not been able to She denied she had ever en- among other things, discuss with

port on Soviet intelligence and and added: Communist Party activities, but "I was never and I am not now

she had glanced through it and a Communist." was satisfied it contained nothing The grief-stricken, black-clad not been in Florence, and he had mother of Miss Coplon leaned not been in Italy, he had been to of interest.

forward eagerly while her daugh- France, he told me. Believes It Was Decoy. Mr. Palmer asked her if the ter testified. When Miss Coplon

memorandum . taken from her stepped from the stand, she hur- what his position was? purse was "written in the serio- ried to her mother's side and knelt comic vein in which you were writing your book which we'll talk maternal embrace. about later?'

First Meeting With Gubitchev. "Yes, that's right," Miss Coplon responded with a smile. "That's Miss Coplon gave the following description of her first meeting what it was all about."

Q. You knew of the United Na-Mr. Palmer asked Miss Coplon with Mr. Gubitchev, in answer to tions as being nonpolitical? if she now felt that the "top questions by Mr. Palmer: Q. At the time when Mr. Gusecret" Communist Party report d. At the time when Mr. Gu-was a "decoy" document intended bitchev met you and you met Mr. Secretariat which is internet was a "decoy" document intended bitchev met you and you met Mr. Secretariat, which is interna- arm around me, and I pushed him testified that two "decoy" reports under what circumstances you

testified that two "decoy" reports under what circumstances you Q. And, in so far as you are By this time he was getting ex-containing information about circumstances he met you, and let concerned, did you tell him where cited, too. He was saying that I atomic energy were deliberately circumstances he met you, and let you worked? routed to Miss Coplon's desk after the jury hear it? A. Well, I went to the Museum

reports of a "leak" in the Justice A. Weil, I went to the Museum Washington with the Department can women, that I was not trying of Modern Art the day, which was of Justice. section were received last Decem- the Saturday of this Labor Day week end, and I was looking that you met Mr. Gubitchev, until life was miserable, etc. "Yes, looking back, I believe around at the pictures. As you the last time you saw him—the streets. We got in the subway. ber.

that was a decoy, too," she said. know, it is devoted to modern art Miss Coplon said she was un- and surrealistic pictures. arrest; is that right?

aware that she was suspected of Q. After you met this gentledisloyalty and never had any idea man, Mr. Gubitchev, on this day, that as many as 25 FBI agents will you kindly tell me did you diswere trailing her at the same cuss with him art?

time before she was arrested. Didn't Suspect Phone Tapping.

A. Yes. A. Yes. Didn't Suspect Phone Tapping. Mr. Palmer asked her if she Gubichev, when you were on this Mr. Palmer asked her if she ever suspected that her telephone tour, Cook's, and what you men-tioned, did you have anything at A. P was tapped.

A. Never. "About three days before I was all to do with any Communists or Q: Have you heard from him arrested," she said, "I heard a any subversive organizations while in any way? ng crackling sound on the you were on this Cook's Tour?

whether it was just as we got out Q. When you went to Europe, on the street. The reason I besuspended Justice Department po- had no knowledge of any person him to come to my house to visit

litical analyst answered. "-----or you were going to meet. Isn't with me and my family. I had asked him that on several occa-

it away from her. Later he came back and put it on her desk again. "I glanced through it," she said, ing." bassy. Then I had a few names thing like that. of people to look up, people gave

Had Spoken of Love. Q. Before that time had he, in Q. During the time you were in word or any other manner, in-Europe, did you ever in any wise formed you of the fact that he associate with Communists, Comwas in love with you? munist activities, or any persons

A. He had.

engaged in subversive activities? Q. By that time-and I do not want to bare the secrets of your Q. Did you discuss your job. soul to this jury, but we are here your position, with anybody in in this courtroom-had you returned his affection?

A. I thought I was in love with him, yes.

Q. As you left this restaurant they gave as my pro-So, some 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 A. A lot of people thought I in connection with his conversawas a psychoanalyst. So. not to tion with you on January 14 about confuse any one, I did not discuss being a married man.

A. Well, as I say, it was either Q. When you met Mr. Gubitchev. just before we were leaving the in the fashion described, did he, restaurant or when we had left the restaurant, when he said to obtain a copy of the top secret re- gaged in any subversive activities you and cause a conversation- me there was something he had to tell me. He could not keep it from A. Yes. That set off part of our me any more. I guess that was conversation. Although he had because of my asking him all the time to come and visit my family.

He told me then that he was a married man, and at the same, breath he started trying to tell me how miserable he was with his wife, etc., I was so astounded 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

off with the newspaper. was completely unreasonable. He A. Yes, I told him I worked in said I was provincial, like Ameri-

Q. At any time from that time life was miserable, etc. last time was on the night of his By that time he was a little bit

A. I saw him the next morning when they brought him in with her at the Art Museum, Miss Cop-Q. You mean before the judge?

New York. Q. (By Mr. Palmer) Where did you go with him to the best of

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to listen to him, to explain; his

more controlled.

After the Russian engineer met ion testified she gave him her telephone number in Washington

your knowledge?

Felt Imposed On. Q. Did he tell you at that time A. He told me he was a construction engineer at the United and so furious, and I felt imposed

A. Yes. He told me he was a brandishing it, I guess, and he

