



Ex-Bulgarian diplomat Ivan Asen Christof Georgiev weeps as he tells Sofia court he is guilty of charges of spying for CIA. U.S. has protested mob violence by 3,000 Bulgarians who smashed U.S. legation windows in Sofia.

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Spy's N.Y. 'Link' Puzzled by It All

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Ask Helen Goodell, she is an important link in the American espionage set-up and all the gray-haired medical researcher can do is bluster and stammer, "Me? Good Lord, NO. All this is just amazing. Its so exciting, I'm still a flutter."

Miss Goodell, a research assistant in neurology at New York Hospital for 32 years, was accused of being a cloaked dagger operative for the U.S. by Ivan Asen Georgiev, former Bulgarian UN diplomat who pleaded guilty to spying for the U. S. this week.

Georgiev told a Senate committee that the Americans tricked him to write a letter to Miss Goodell, 430 W. 11th St., New York City, ever he was in danger.

The bewildered Goodell said she never heard of him.

Sitting in her hospital with a head for a month, Miss Goodell, in her 50s, described her life as consisting "mostly of work."

The doctor was a neurologist who specialized in psychosomatic medicine.

"I spoke to him several times on the phone and the doctor sent him pills once or twice a year until three or four years ago," she recalled.

Then lowering her voice she said confidentially, "They were really only sugar with a colored coating. I think he was under a great deal of tension and needed reassurance."

Miss Goodell was described by a neighbor as a "friendly person who liked everyone," an "almost naive person." She was "really not very worldly. She was engrossed mainly in her work and her friends. This espionage business sounds ridiculous, impossible, incredible."

Clasping her hands tightly together on her lap, Miss Goodell tried to recall anything else in her past that might have somehow linked her with Georgiev.

"The only other remote connection with this espionage thing was when I helped care for Allen Dulles Jr., who was treated here for an injury suffered in Korea," she said. "But my goodness I never even met his father."

Allen Dulles Sr. was formerly head of the CIA.