

MISS BENTLEY, EX-SPY, BECOMES A CATHOLIC

Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed former Communist spy, who was a key witness at the recent hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, has been received into the Roman Catholic faith, it was made known last night.

Miss Bentley received her instruction from Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen and was understood to be now in a Catholic retreat in this city. It was reported that her godparents at the baptismal rites were Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, and Mr. Budenz's wife, Margaret.

Mr. Budenz, now an Associate Professor of Economics at Fordham University, renounced communism in 1945 and was received back into the church by Msgr. Sheen.

A report that Miss Bentley had become a Roman Catholic was confirmed by Mr. Budenz, but he said that the "full story" of her conversion would have to be told by Msgr. Sheen. The monsignor, a member of the faculty of the Catholic University at Washington, could not be reached immediately for comment.

On Friday affidavits filed in the United States District Court clerk's office here indicated that attempts to serve Miss Bentley with papers involving a \$100,000 slander suit brought by William W. Remington had failed. The affidavits said that the United States Marshal's office had tried without success for more than a month to find Miss Bentley.

Mr. Remington, suspended Department of Commerce official, brought suit after Miss Bentley reiterated in the course of a television broadcast on Sept. 12 an accusation that he was a Communist.