

VICE RING THREAT TO WITNESS BARED

**Woman Forced to Move to New
Address After Testimony
Involving Lucania.**

STATE'S CASE NEARS END

**But Cross-Examinations May
Delay Finish of the Trial
Until Next Week.**

Four women and a man took the stand yesterday to inform Supreme Court Justice Philip J. McCook and a jury of the operations of the organized vice industry of this city. Their testimony, in large measure, was repetitious of evidence given by many other witnesses presented by Special Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey.

Most of the day was given over to a continuance of the testimony of Nancy Presser, former friend of Charles (Lucky Luciano) Lucania, major defendant on charges of compulsory prostitution. On trial with him are David Betillo, Thomas Pennochio, Abe Wahrman, Benny Spiller, Jesse Jacobs, Meyer Berkman, Jack Ellenstein, Ralph Liguori and James Frederico.

Miss Presser testified Monday that she overheard Lucania and others of the ring planning its conduct. Virtually all her time on the stand yesterday was spent under cross-examination. Lucania's attorney, George Morton Levy, drew the admission that for eighteen months the witness had been a narcotic addict.

Heeded Addict's Invitation

The witness, who is 24 years old, said she had not used narcotics for about two years. She started, she admitted, with opium, on invitation of an addict.

Miss Presser said she visited Lucania frequently when he maintained a suite at the Waldorf-Astoria under the name of Ross. However, she showed an unfamiliarity with the entrances and elevator system of the hotel and did not seem certain of the hotel's location.

It was revealed by Saul Gelb, assistant to Mr. Dewey, that threats had been made against Miss Presser and that she was moved to a new apartment Monday night after having testified. The witness has been living with Thelma Jordan, also a State witness, under police surveillance.

Tells of Liguori's Threat

Preceding Miss Presser on the stand, James Russo, 28, operator of a disorderly house, said that Liguori compelled him to take Miss Presser though he did not want her as an inmate. He quoted Liguori as saying, "Put her to work, if you know what's good for you."

Kathleen O'Connor, 24, testified that on one occasion when she was arrested the combination sent her to Abe Karp, a disbarred attorney, who coached her in false testimony that led to the dismissal of the charge against her.

The trial will be resumed at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Justice McCook plans to hold night sessions the remainder of this week in the hope of ending the trial by Saturday night.

Mr. Dewey has indicated that the State's case is near its end. However, cross-examination has been extensive and it seemed last night that the trial would go into next week.