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# **Reed Held Under Spy Act; Bail is \$5,000: Hearing Set for Tuesday on Charge of Violating Law in Recent Speech [event of Sept. 14, 1918]**

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John Reed was held under \$5,000 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Hitchcock, after being arrested by Federal District Attorney Earl B. Barnes.

He will be given a hearing Tuesday [Sept. 17, 1918] on charges of having violated the espionage act at a meeting Friday night [Sept. 13] in Hunts Point Casino, 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard.

The meeting at which Reed spoke was arranged by the Socialist Party of Local Bronx to give those interested an idea of conditions in Russia.

The speakers who addressed the meeting, besides John Reed, were Louis C. Fraina, Gregory Weinstein, editor of the Russian *Novyi Mir*; Santeri Nuourteva, Finnish representative in this country, and Assemblyman Abraham I. Shiplacoff. Assemblyman Benjamin Gitlow of the Bronx presided.

A staff of stenographers from the Department of Justice took down each speech.

When arraigned yesterday [Sept. 14] before Commissioner Hitchcock, he denied he had said anything which violated the espionage act.

District Attorney Barnes asked that bail be fixed at \$10,000. Reed's attorney, Dudley Field Malone, pro-

tested, and succeeded in having the commissioner cut the bail in half.

The meeting which Reed addressed was attended by 4,000 people. Many secret service men mingled with the crowd.

He was arrested yesterday morning and immediately taken to the Federal building in the downtown post office and arraigned.

Reed will go on trial with five others in the case of Max Eastman and *The Masses* editors.

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