

Johnson Tells Court Kent Is Stool-Pigeon

Woman Denies Seeing Defendant in Home

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5—Standing before Superior Court Judge Clarence L. Kincaid today, Tom Johnson, business manager of the CIO paper "Industrial Unionist" declared himself not guilty of the burglary charges preferred against him. After hearing the plea, Judge Kincaid set trial for Feb. 8 in the court of Judge Ingral Bull.

Johnson was taken into custody last month at the same time that Arthur Kent (alias Arthur Scott), self-styled "Robin Hood" burglar confessed to numerous thefts in the Beverly Hills section of the town.

Charges Denied

In testifying at preliminary hearings, Kent tried to implicate Johnson in the ransacking of Mrs. H. F. Wilson's home despite the fact that she had shortly before denied seeing Johnson.

Johnson branded Kent as a stool pigeon active in a plot to deport Harry Bridges and to discredit the CIO in general, and declared he had not seen Kent for five years.

The CIO Industrial Council has gone on record as unanimously affirming Tom Johnson's innocence and integrity.