

# Griffin Listed As Missing in U.S. 'Plot' Case

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Indicted Publisher,

Two Others Sought  
By Federal Marshal

By JAMES TIERNEY

NEW YORK, July 23 (N. Y. News) — Sought by the United States Marshal with a warrant for his arrest, William Griffin, editor and publisher of the New York Enquirer, published Sunday afternoons only, had vanished today.

Also missing were Col. Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, an Army reserve officer of Morningside Heights, and Edward James Smythe, an executive of the Protestant War Veterans Assn., whose home is in the Dyckman section of Upper Manhattan. Both have had somewhat spectacular careers as anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic pamphleteers.

## File U. S. Conspiracy Charges

Griffin, Sanctuary and Smythe are named with 24 other men and one woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, of Chicago, author of "The Red Network," in a Federal indictment charging conspiracy to crack the morale of the armed forces of the United States.

William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General in Washington, obtained the indictment Tuesday from a Federal Grand Jury in the National Capital after an investigation lasting 11 months. He and his assistant, John T. M. Reddan, produced 170 witnesses who gave 6,800 pages of testimony.

## Quizzed By Jury

Griffin was called before the Maloney Grand Jury several times to explain his relations with George Viereck, veteran publicist for Germany. About three weeks ago, the court ordered Griffin to return to New York, get his records and produce them before the Grand Jury, Maloney said. Arriving in New York, however, he was admitted to St. Clare's Hospital. At the hospital today, it was said that he left, discharged, Monday, the day before the indictment was returned in Washington.

Late Tuesday, Maloney wired Executive Assistant U. S. Attorney Howard Corcoran here to file complaints against Griffin, Sanctuary and Smythe. U. S. Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter received the complaints and issued the arrest warrants.

When they are arrested, proceedings will be instituted for their removal to Washington for trial.

# U. S. Reveals Charges Against 28 in Army 'Plot'

Alleges Conspiracy  
To Foment Mutiny  
Of Armed Forces

By WALTER TROHAN

Attorney General Francis Biddle yesterday made public the sealed indictment returned Tuesday by a Federal Grand Jury here charging 28 persons with a nation-wide conspiracy to defeat the war effort.

The specific counts on which the defendants are to receive an early trial are an attempt to impair the loyalty and injure the morale of members of the American armed forces and an attempt to cause insubordination and mutiny among the military and naval forces.

### Face Stiff Penalties

The maximum penalties on the first count are 10 years imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both. The maximum penalties on the second count are 20 years imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both.

The indictment set forth 50 quotations from articles and statements published or printed by the defendants in furthering the alleged conspiracy and also cited various overt acts of the defendants. It alleged the defendants attempted to obstruct the war effort, convince the nation the United States was safe from attack and undermine confidence in public officials.

The sealed indictment was made public after Federal agents had rounded up Wednesday and yesterday the various defendants on complaints filed in various Federal Courts in several cities.

### Organizations Named

In addition to naming the 28 defendants the indictment named a number of publications employed by the defendants to spread sedition and organizations which the defendants controlled or supported in the interests of furthering their campaign.

Defendants include Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network," Patriotic Research Newsbureau Letters, Otto Brennermann, a cartoonist and artist, and Donald McDaniel, a dentist, who allegedly financed and distributed Brennermann's drawings. It was said Brennermann's cartoons were distributed by the Nazi Bund and appeared in various of the allegedly seditious publications.

In Chicago, Mrs. Dilling was reported to have denied her guilt, asserting that there is nothing wrong with Army and Navy morale and adding: "If there is anything wrong with it it's because of New Deal bungling of the war effort."

### Others Indicted

The other 25 defense defendants and the suspected persons, publications or organizations with which they were associated follow:

Court Asher, publisher of "X-Ray," Muncie, Ind.

David J. Baxter, organizer of Social Republic Society (SOCIS), San Bernardino, Calif.

H. Victor Broenstrupp, an attorney for William Dudley Pelley and an associate of Robert Edward Edmondson.

Oscar Brumrack, Washington, organizer of the No Foreign War Coalition, Inc.

Prescott Dennett and George Sylvester Viereck, and others, organized "WAKE Europe Pay War Debts Committee, Islands for War Debts Committee, and War Debts Defense Committee."

C. Leon De Arvan, San Diego, Calif., publisher of "The Broom."

### Winrod Writer Listed

Hudson De Priest, Wichita, Kans., is a writer for Gerald B. Winrod. His articles have appeared in "Publicity" and "The New York Enquirer." He ran prize contests for Winrod and the Garners.

Hans Diebel, Los Angeles, is proprietor of the Aryan Bookstore, ads for which have appeared in "World Service," published in Erfurt, Germany.

Elmer J. Garner, Wichita, is editor of "Publicity." He and his son, James F. Garner, were indicted for sedition on May 2, 1942.

Robert Edward Edmondson, New York and Santa Barbara, is a writer for Eugene N. Sanctuary and for Gerald B. Winrod.

William Griffin, New York, is publisher of "The New York Enquirer."

Charles B. Hudson, Omaha, is editor and publisher of "America in Danger!"

Ellis O. Jones, Los Angeles, is an associate of Robert Noble, and an organizer of "Friends of Progress." On July 11, 1942, he was convicted of sedition, and on July 20, sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

William Kullgren, Atascadero, Calif., is publisher of the Beacon Light.

### Distributed Pictures

William Robert Lyman jr., Detroit, distributed pictures for Otto Brennermann. He is also an officer of the National Workers League (Detroit) and a member of SOCIS.

Robert Noble, Los Angeles, is organizer of the Friends of Progress. On July 11, 1942, he was convicted of sedition, and on July 20 was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

William Dudley Pelley, Noble

ville, Ind., is leader of the Silver Shirts. His publication, The Galliean, suspended in March 1942 when certain issues were declared non-mailable by the Post Office Department. He goes on trial for sedition on July 28, 1942.

Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, New York city, writes for several publications, including Winrod's The Defender.

Edward James Smythe, New York city, writes a column for Publicity which has been quoted in other publications.

### Bund Chief Named

Herman Max Schwinn, Los Angeles, is a West Coast bund leader and a member of the Silver Shirts.

Ralph Townsend was a contributor to Scribner's Commentator. He pleaded guilty to failure to register under the foreign agents registration act and was sentenced to a term of eight months to two years on June 12, 1942.

James C. True, Arlington, Va., is publisher of Industrial Control Reports and organizer of James True Associates.

George Sylvester Viereck, New York city, on March 13, 1942, was sentenced to a term of two to six years and fined \$1,500 on conviction for violation of the foreign agents registration act.

Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, is publisher of The Defender.

The New York Enquirer is published by William Griffin.

The Octopus appears under the joint authorship of Elizabeth Dilling and Charles B. Hudson.

### Pelley Publication Named

The Galliean was published by William Dudley Pelley.

X-Ray was published by Court Asher.

Publicity was published by the Garners.

The Beacon Light is published by William Kullgren.

The Roll Call is a Pelley publication.

Weckruf and Beobachter (The Free American) is a Bund publication.

Industrial Control Reports are published by James True.

World Service (Welt Dienst) is published at Erfurt, Germany, and is a Nazi propaganda bulletin.

The indictment consisted of 28 typewritten pages. It was the result of the sitting of a Special Grand Jury which heard 150 witnesses and took 6,880 pages of testimony.

### Conspiring Publications Named

The publications employed in the conspiracy, according to the indictment, are The New York Enquirer, The Defender, The Octopus, The Galliean, X-Ray, Publicity, Beacon Light, The Roll Call, Weckruf and Beobachter, also known as the Free American; Industrial Control Reports, World Service, also known as Welt Dienst, published at Erfurt, Germany; Social Republic Society Bulletin, America in Danger!, The Broom, Patriotic Research Bureau News Letter, Road To Victory, Women Investors In America Bulletin, Constitutional Educational League Bulletin, Scribner's Commentator, War Guilt and War Mongers, Revolution and The Fifth Column, Edmondson's Economic Research Service, American Vigilante, Citizens' No Foreign War Coalition Manual, America Awake, Lord Lothian vs. Lord Lo-

Shian, War, War, War, The Cross  
and The Flag, Cease Firing, and  
Purdy Publishing Company.

#### Organizations Listed

The indictment further charges that in furthering the conspiracy the defendants organized, or caused to be organized, supported, used, controlled or contributed financially to the following organizations, among others: Silver Shirts, Black Legion, Ku Klux Klan, German-American Bund, also known as American-German Bund; National Workers League of America, Detroit; America First Committee, National Committee To Keep America Out of Foreign Wars, Citizens Committee To Keep America Out of War, Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, Islands for War Debts Committee, War Debts Defense Committee, Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Crusading Mothers of America, Citizens No Foreign War Coalition, American Guards, Social Republic Society, also known as S.O. C.I.S.; Committee of Patriotic Organizations, Protestant Gentile League, Pioneer News Service, Crusaders White Shirts, James True Associates, Women Investors in America, Constitutional Educational League, We the Mothers United, Flanders Hall Inc., United Mothers of America, We the Mothers, Mobilize for America Inc., and American Mothers.

#### "Sabotaged Defense Effort"

According to the indictment, the defendants, "as a part of . . . and a means to the accomplishment of the end" of the conspiracy, engaged in "a continuous and systematic campaign of written and printed opposition and sabotage against any and all efforts of public officials . . . to arouse the members of the military and naval forces . . . and the American people to a realization of the grave and imminent danger threatening the national existence of the United States" by propagandizing the armed forces of the United States.