Wide and Deep

Jury Reveals Scope of Plot To Undermine Army's Morale By Dillard Stokes 7/24/41

plot, to foment mutiny and disloyalty, insubordination and refusal of duty in the Army and the Navy was unmasked yesterday-with the opening of the secret indictment returned in the District Court Tuesday.

The special grand jury on Axis agents accused 28 persons, and "others unknown" who were in concert with them, of a cold and studied conspiracy—which started long before Pearl Harbor and kept in motior. until this week.

"We must and will stamp out of ract this sort of activity," said Assistant hatred. Attorney General Wendell Berge. There was William Dudley Pel-"The Department of Justice pledged, ley, the Silver Shirter who hoped its best efforts to vigorous prosecuhtion."

The shocking story of a far-flung The indictment came after months of investigation by Special Prosecutors William Power Maloney and John T. M. Reddan. The document was impounded so that United States marshals could hunt down the defendants, who were scattered from New York to San Diego.

As arrests were made and warrants issued made them public night before last, the tally of the alleged conspirators sounded like a roll call of the country's top-flight pro-Nazis, antiwar agitators and inciters of racial, religious and political

There was William Dudley Pel-

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trial in Indianapolis next Tuesday for sedition and another conspiracy.

There was Pelly's lawyer, H. Vic-

tor Bronestrupp, who called him-self the Duke of St. Saba, Lieut. Gen. Cherup Spiridovich and other aliases. This man coordinated the policies of some of the defeatist papers which the indictment said were the tools of the Nazi network that plotted against the armed forces.

There were George Sylvester Viercek, the German agent now under a 2 to 6-year prison sentence for violating the Foreign Agents Act, and his Washington henchman, Prescott F. Dennett, who was im-mediately placed in military arrest. He entered the Army a few weeks ago.

There was Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, the firing pin of disorderly isolationist demonstrations at the Capitolshe was fined for one of them last summer-who used the alias "the Rev. Frank Woodruf Johnson" for her slanderous book, "The Octopus."

Roosevelt Defamer Included

And there was Charles B. Hudson, the Omaha (Nebr.) defamer of President Roosevelt, who mailed out resident Rootevert, who mailed out isolationist speeches by the ton. postage free under Congressional frank, to the mailing list of his weekly bulletin, America in Danger! His slogan was "End the War Quickly!" Not justly, or honorably. Just quickly.

There was Ralph Townsend, the self-confessed Japanese agent, one of the staff of Scribner's Commentator, who is under an eight-to-24month sentence for violating the Foreign Agents Act.

There was William Kullgren, who said in his Beacon Light that he read "in the stars" the violent death of President Roosevelt. For Hitler, Kullgren saw success and he heralded it to the credulour and the unstable who might be reached by

Accused of Sedition in Special Grand Jury Indictment



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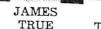


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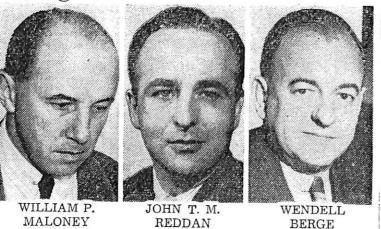
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RALPH TOWNSEND

Agents Case Prosecutors





GEORGE ELIZABETH VIERECK DILLING

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his "astrology" magazne. There was Herman Max Schwinn, the bund organizer, and Hans Diebel, the bund bookseller, whose shop in the Deutsches Haus in Los Angeles the Deutsches Haus in Los Angeles was advertised on the first page of Welt Dienst, the Nazi propaganda sheet issued at Erfurt, Germany. There were others . . . 18 more: Gerald B. Winrod, the Hitler-heiting at the Defender at Wichita, Kans. He once the Sanate

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Senate. William Griffin, editor of the New York Enquirer. Elmer J. Garner, 78. and his son. James F. Garner, 78. and his son. James F. Garner, 78. and his son. James F. Garner. They ran the space of the fraction of the resultionist. Socis. Hudson deserves, who wrote for Winner and the Garners. Conserver and the Garners. Conserver from Leon. de Arvan of the San Drego (Calif.) Broom. He is a candidate for Congress. Col. Eugene. Nelson Sanctuary, head of the Fascist American Christian Defenders. In New Tork. Tobert Edward Edmondson, famed among fils ilk for a chart intended to impign President Roosevelt. William Robert Lyman, who cir-cuated this chart, as well as Nel-son's works defending the Axis and blaming the war on Hitler's enemies. Ellis O. Jones and Robert Noble of the Copperfleads. Doth Under pulson sentence for another sedi-tibus conspiracy. James C. True, and Oscar. Brum-back. Wishington agitators. "Monad McDaniels. Chicago den-tist who designed antiwar cartoons, and Otto Brennermann, an artist who produced them." And Edward James Smythe, a writer for the Garners "paper, Pub-licity. Labeled 'Hatriots'

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"Hatriots," Maloney called them in court yesterday. Hatred was the stock in trade of

Hatred was the stock in trade of the publications condemned in the indictment. Along with doubt and disunity, defeat and dissension. These themes, the grand jury charged, were placed in the publi-cations that were the tools of the conspiracy "and in the Congres-sional Record," and they were "de-signed and intended to impede, ob-struct and defeat the preparation of our national defenses against aggression and invasion."

Tune by Goebbels

Here are some of the themes of sedition that were quoted in the here are some or the theme are sedition that were quoted in the indictment; The war... is a dishonest war ... to insure the continuance of world domination by Interna-tional Jewry-Organized Fihance, British-American Capitalists ... The people of the United States are being forced ... to finance a war against nations and people who are friendly ... Germany and Italy have com-mitted no aggressive act against any nation ... The Japanese war in China is morally right and just ... The cause of the Axis powers is the cause of justice and morality. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was instigated by Great Britain.

Britain. The war with Japan was pro-voked deliberately by officials of the United States. The public officials of the United States are Judas-like betrayers of their country. These doctrines, the grand jury charged, were broadcast by the 28 alleged conspirators and their hid-den confederates with the deliber-ate purpose of corrupting the armed forces and demolishing the faith of the American people in their leaders.

For this, if they are found guilty, the alleged conspirators will face a total fine of \$20.000 or 10 to 30 years in prison, or both.

Instances Cited

The grand jurors, in the indict-ment, quoted specific passages and charged that it was the deliberate purpose of the conspiracy to give them circulation. Here are some of them:

Roosevelt should be impeached. (From Hudson's America in Dan-

Do not neglect your arsenals. Buy arms and keep them in a place where they are readily accessible . . . (Baxter's Soci Bulletin).

Ever since the President had his conference with Churchill on the high seas, we have been hear-ing from editorial writers, radio commentators and New Deal spokesmen of the United Nations.

Now comes a member of the Now comes a member of the President's Cabinet, Ickes, a mem-ber of the United States Supreme Court, Roberts; both of whom have sworn to uphold and de-fend the Constitution, and add their endorsement to the Judas-like betrayal of our people into and as one of a United States of the World. (From the "Roosevelt I's a Judas" speech of Representa-tive Clare E. Hoffman, which was reprinted in part in The X.Ray. Hoffman had 145,000 copies of this speech produced at the Govern-ment Printing Office and thou-sands of these copies were sent out by Hudson. Winrod. Baxter, the American Collition the American Memory of America and others. American Collition the Julited Methods of America and others. Affid yet these men, like Julited Methods, surrender our independence, connive to destroy our liberty and our freedom. They would surrender that for which the war is being fought-our na-tional existence—before the war President's Cabinet, Ickes, a mem-

our liberty and our freedom. They, would surrender that for which the war is being fought—our na-tional existence—before the war is fairly begun. (From Hoffman's "Roosevelt is a Judas" speech.) Yes, of course, millions of Americans hate Hitler, but the amazing thing is that probably many millions more have seen through this hate hysteria and greatly admire the fine work he is doing for his people. (From Publicity.) Says death awaits United States boys in Africa. (William Griffin.) At the height of his career the occupant of the White House will pass on to his reward. A man-of-the-hour will arise. (Kullgren's Beacon Light.) The indictment quoted 50 such utterances.

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utterances. Statements like these were the ammunition, the indictment charged; with which the alleged conspirators loaded the pages of 30 books, papers and magazines in order to carry out their design of weakening the United States.

America Firsters Listed

The indictment further charged The indictment further charged that the alleged conspirators set up committees and organizations to ac-complish this object. The indict-ment listed the America First Com-mittee, Baxter's "Social" Republic Sector and "Representative. Hamil-ton Fish's National Committee to Keep-America Out of Fibrician Wars, and 20 other such groups. These, and other groups. the grand jury charged, were organ-zed by the alleged conspirators, or caused to be organized by them, and were given financial and other aid.

There were nine overt acts charged in furtherance of the pre-Pearl Harbor conspiracy. Two of these were conferences in Washing-ton between Viereck and Dennett. A third was the mailing by the de-fendant, De Aryan, of two copies of The Broom, to Athan Quigley, at a postorice beat: The other size were mailings of sundry printed matter postorine box: The other six were mailings of sundry printed matter to Jefferson Breem of Washington. An intervention of the seven overt acts in support of the war-time phase of the conspiracy. "Jefferson Breem" and "Adam Guigley were names used by the writer (Dillard Stokes) in getting material for articles about the vermin press. material for vermin press.

Mrs. Dilling Denies Guilt

Mrs. Dilling beines can-Chicago, July 23 (P).—Mrs. Eliza-beth Dilling pleaded not guilty to day to an indictment charging con-spiracy returned in Washington. Two other defendants, George Otto Brennermann, and. Dr. Honald Judson McDaniel of Chicago, were

released from Jail on bond of \$4000

De Aryan on Hunger Strike

De Aryan on Hunger Strike Sam Drego: Calif., July 23 (P).--A hunger strike was started today in the county jail by C. Leon de Aryan, indicted in Washington, D. C., on a conspiracy charge. De Aryan said he had not eaten since his arrest last night. and would not accept food until he was released from jail on bail, which he personally could not provide, or through Government action.

Bundist Ottersbach

Pleads Not Guilty

Pleads Not Guilty New York, July 23 (P).-William Othershach... 56-year-old German-American bund leader, of Seattle, Wash.. pleaded not guilty today to two Federal indictments alleging conspiracy to violate the Selective Service Act and the Alien Registra-tion Act. He was held in bail of \$10,000 by Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey for frial July 28. Ottersbach, who was the unit leader in Seattle in 1940, was one of 29 persons named in indictments filed in New York Federal Court several weeks ago. He was born in Germany and came here about 10 years ago. He was naturalized in 1938. He attended the North Pacific Sangerbund, which included representatives from bund units in Spokane, Port-land, Oreg., and Seattle. Ottersbach said that he was un-abie to employ counsel and re-quested the court to assign an at-torney to defend him.