

# Linked to Nazis, Dennett Activities Are Many

## He Has Been Found To Operate Under Numerous Names

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Prescott Dennett, who has been linked by the special grand jury investigating German agents to the Nazi propagandist, George Sylvester Viereck, on the one hand, and to Representative Hamilton Fish's secretary, George Hill, on the other, was engaged in a maze of interwoven activities.

After inquiries conducted by Special Prosecutors William Power Maloney and Edward J. Hickey, jr., of the Department of Justice propaganda squad, the grand jurors charged Viereck with financing Dennett in order to have German propaganda mailed in envelopes bearing Congressional franks. The jurors said Hill falsely denied he knew Viereck, and swore falsely about having sent a House truck in which Dennett got rid of a quantity of franked mail the morning after he was summoned as a witness.

### Under Many Names

Here are some of the names under which Dennett operated, giving their address as his headquarters, 1340 Rhode Island Avenue Northwest:

Alliance News Bureau, American Party, Columbia News Service, Islands for War Debts Defense Committee, Columbia Press Photos, Columbia Trade Press Service, Columbia Press Service, Press Clipping Service, Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, Publicity Alliance, War Debts Committees, Intercity Press Service, Romeike Clipping Bureau (with New York offices) and Romelike Press Clipping Service.

All these enterprises, and perhaps others, Dennett conducted in a small residence apartment, equipped with three telephones and buzzers for calling messengers. Dennett hawked the services of his "agencies" in person or by letter. Systematically he canvassed State governors, industrial companies and others, keeping a record of which name he used in approaching each group.

Dennett carefully tore up much of the correspondence that was part of his activities, but significant fragments have been assembled, which both convey information and suggest a need of explanation.

### Telegram Disclosed

For example, there was a telegram sent from Philadelphia which said:

PLEASE PHONE RELAY REP STATTONS MESSAGE TO GEORGE HILL AT RAP FISHS CAPITOL OFFICE REGARDS  
PRESCOTT DENNETT.

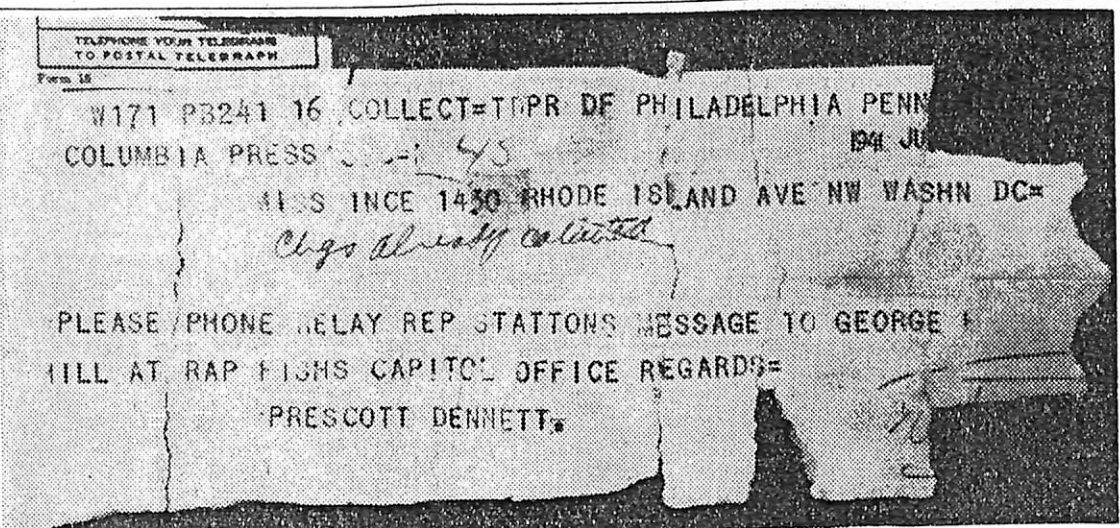
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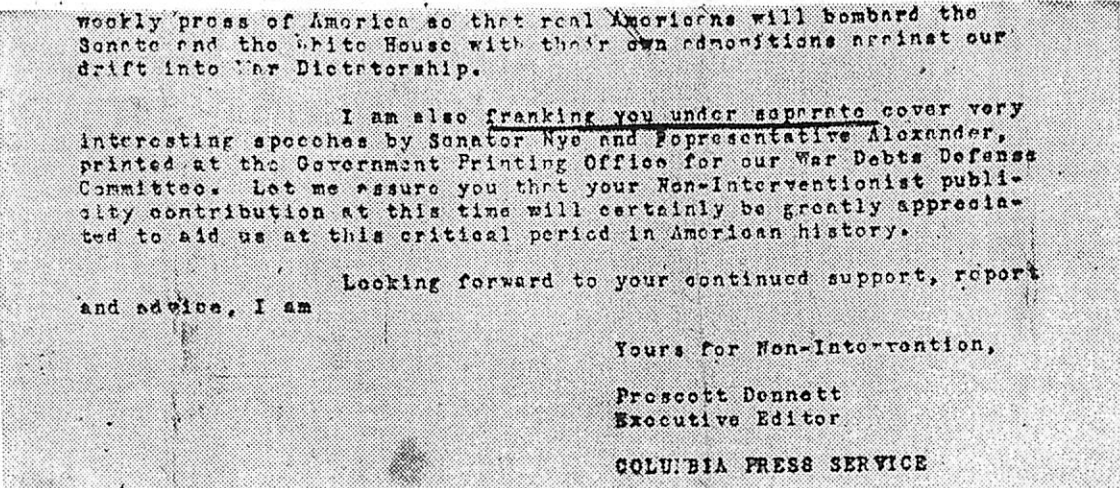
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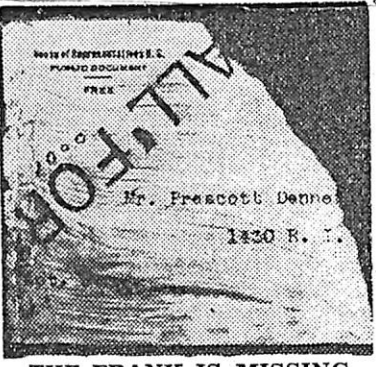
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Among Dennett's correspondents were Viereck and Scribner's Commentator, reputed custodian of a secretly prepared master mailing list of the anti-interventionists. The publication's editor and publisher were questioned this week by the special grand jury.

**Propaganda Seized**

Dennett wasn't just talking when he told his prospective contributors that he "franked" mail. With Hill's aid he got rid of about a ton of unaddressed franked envelopes when he was summoned, yet bales of it were left and were seized by the propaganda squad.

House trucks took Dennett regular shipments from Capitol Hill. At least one large shipment had tags showing they were sent to him from Representative Hamilton Fish.

Found was a single tag, from which someone—perhaps Dennett—had thoughtfully removed the frank. The tag bore the stamped words "All For," which meant that the shipment was more than one bag, or carton, and that "all" were for Dennett.