

# Griffin Turns Up, But Ducks Out

## 'Enquirer' Editor Notifies Grand Jury He's Too Ill to Appear

William Griffin, editor and publisher of the New York *Enquirer*, is somewhere in Washington today. But he's still playing hide-go-seek with the Federal Grand Jury investigating Axis propaganda.

The Grand Jury wants to question him about his relations with George Sylvester Viereck, admitted Nazi publicist, but Griffin says he's ill and can't appear.

He made this announcement through his brother-in-law, William J. Rapp, who also disclosed his presence in Washington. Griffin said further, also through Rapp, that of course he knew Viereck and had dealings with him; but it was only because he wanted Viereck to intervene with the Nazi Government to abandon persecution of the Jews and to return the property that had been stolen from them.

He said it was his plan to recommend that Congress ask FDR to send an official delegation of American Christians to Germany to protest Nazi anti-Semitism.

Griffin said he spoke to several prominent Jews about his plan, among them Judge Benjamin E. Greenspan, of New York. Greenspan today confirmed this.

What Griffin didn't mention in his statement was the issue of the *Enquirer* that first set the Grand Jury on his trail. It contained an editorial, signed by Prescott Dennett, urging Hamilton Fish, Jr. for President. Dennett was an associate of Viereck in the days when Viereck was helping to master-mind isolationist propaganda.



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