

# Dennett Finally Goes Before Jury Probing Nazi Propaganda

Deputy Marshals, Lawyer,  
Two Doctors Needed  
To Get Him to Appear

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BULLETIN.

District Court Justice F. Dickinson Letts late today ordered Prescott Dennett, chairman of the Islands for War Debts Committee, held under \$1,500 bond as a material witness for the Government in the forthcoming trial of George Sylvester Viereck, indicted Nazi agent.

Prescott Dennett, involved in the operation of isolationist organizations which the Government alleges were financed by the Nazis, was taken before the special grand jury investigating German propaganda this afternoon—but not until two doctors, a lawyer and a number of deputy United States marshals had visited him.

Mr. Dennett failed to appear before the jury yesterday, claiming illness. Justice F. Dickinson Letts of District Court was informed this morning that the witness had again failed to appear.

#### Deputy Coroner Sent.

Justice Letts issued an attachment, and deputy marshals were sent to Mr. Dennett's home at 1316 Vermont avenue N.W. There, they reported, they found him in pajamas and saying he felt very bad. He wouldn't budge, they reported.

Deputy Coroner Christopher J. Murphy was then sent by the court to give Mr. Dennett an examination. The attachment, under circumstances which bewildered courthouse reporters, was withdrawn.

Dr. Murphy reported that he could find nothing wrong with Mr. Dennett. That did not satisfy the witness' mother, Mrs. Mabel F. Dennett, who summoned a private doctor.

#### Jury Complains to Judge.

The physician showed up as did Mr. Dennett's lawyer. Deputy marshals waited, while those concerned went into a huddle. The decision apparently was in favor of Dr. Murphy—for Mr. Dennett soon ducked out a back door.

He went to District Court and a short time later went over to the Municipal Court Building, where the grand jury is holding its sessions.

The jury complained Wednesday to Justice Letts that Mr. Dennett was not a co-operative witness, and the justice warned him that he would have to answer questions fully.