

# Dennett Freed On \$1,500 Bail In Viereck Case

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Taken Into Custody

## To Clinch Appearance At Nazi Agent's Trial

Prescott Dennett, alleged "tool" of George Sylvester Viereck, indicted Nazi secret agent, was taken into custody yesterday and released under \$1,500 bond in District Court to insure his appearance at Viereck's trial which begins Monday.

Dennett's appearance before Justice F. Dickinson Letts was the third occasion he has been brought into court on charges of general evasiveness and attempting to impede the progress of the special Grand Jury investigation of Nazi propaganda efforts of Viereck and other Axis agents.

### Gets Fingerprinted

Fingerprinted in the United States Marshal's office, Dennett was allowed to return to his home in the 1300 block Vermont Ave. NW., after his attorney, O. H. Osterman, arranged for bond to be posted.

Dennett had been forced to court earlier in the day after he failed to respond to a subpoena to appear before the special grand jury because of alleged illness. He was examined by Deputy Coroner Christopher Murphy, who reported he found no sign of illness. A new subpoena was issued and Dennett taken into custody by deputy marshals.

Last September, Dennett was threatened with a contempt citation to force him to answer questions concerning his connections and transactions with Viereck.

### Alleged Propagandist

Dennett is alleged to have been paid by Viereck to disseminate franked speeches of members of Congress and propaganda favorable to the German government through a press service which he operates.

Records seized by deputy marshals when they raided Dennett's office in September led to indictments of Viereck and Representative Hamilton Fish's clerk, George Hill, who was later convicted of perjury before the Grand Jury and now faces a penitentiary sentence of from one to six years.

After numerous appearances before the Grand Jury, Dennett was warned Wednesday by Justice Letts that he must answer freely all the jury's questions. When taken before the Grand Jury, yesterday, Government prosecutors William Power Maloney and Edward J. Hickey jr., said Dennett "babbled incoherently" and failed to answer questions.

Maloney then asked that Dennett be placed under bond as a material witness who would be of value to the Government at Viereck's trial.