

# Hill Recants, Charges Fish Aided Viereck

Dennett's Bond Raised  
After Blonde Gives  
Him Notes on Trial

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Wispy, prison-bound George Hill, between frequent gulps of water yesterday in District Court, repeatedly linked his former boss, Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, with the activities of George Sylvester Viereck, as the latter's trial on charges of registering improperly with the State Department moved into its more sensational stages.

Surprise development of the day was the request by Special Federal Prosecutor William P. Maloney that Justice F. Dickinson Letts raise the \$1,500 witness bond, under which Prescott Dennett has been at liberty, to \$15,000.

## Blonde Named

Maloney offered in justification of the move a charge that blonde, 20-year-old Miss Maria C. Waters, a friend of Dennett, had been "observed carrying notes on the trial's progress" to Dennett as he sat in the witness room waiting his turn to testify.

"How is George Hill holding up?" Maloney quoted Dennett as asking of Miss Waters during one of her alleged visits to the witness room. Miss Waters replied, he added, "Not so good."

## Predicts Disappearance

"I have every reason to believe," Maloney told the court, "that he (Dennett) will not be here to testify when his time comes."

At this point, District Attorney Edward M. Curran told the jurist that Miss Waters had sat throughout the trial, noting its developments and later advising Dennett of the course the case was taking. Justice Letts ordered both Dennett and the girl formally questioned on their conduct and admissions were drawn from them to the effect that they had lunched together on at least two occasions during the trial and that Dennett had been the recipient of information on the happenings within the courtroom from which he as a Government witness is excluded.

## Bail Raised to \$3,500

The jurist ordered Dennett's bail raised to \$3,500 and remanded to a cell until the new amount could be posted.

Justice Letts then recessed until 11 a.m. today.

Meanwhile, admitting and regretting that he had lied when, similarly questioned before the Grand Jury which indicted Viereck, Hill told the court he first was introduced to the 57-year-old Nazi agent by Representative Fish in the summer of 1940 and that subsequently he accepted a \$100 "tip" from the German publicist.

The "tip" was in connection with work Hill did in tending to the mailing out of 125,000 copies of an anti-war speech delivered by and sent out under the frank of the late Senator Ernest Lundeen, of Minnesota. The Government has contended the speech was written by Viereck.

## Dennett Paid \$3,000

The job of mailing out the reprints of the speeches, Hill said, was ordered done by Representative Fish, in whose office he was employed as second secretary. Approximately \$3,000 was paid him by Dennett to defray the costs of reprinting numerous isolationist speeches thereafter, Hill testified. Dennett at the time was director of the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, and was engaged in the activities of a number of other antiwar or isolationist organizations.

Under cross examination by De-



MARIA C. WATERS  
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fense Counsel Emil Morosini jr., Hill freely admitted that he had perjured himself when he denied knowing or ever having met Viereck at the time he testified before the Grand Jury. Morosini introduced as evidence in the case a copy of the indictment which charged Hill with perjuring himself—a charge on which he later was convicted and sentenced to serve from two to six years.

## "Should Have Told Truth"

Reading to the witness from the indictment, Morosini asked if Hill recalled having been asked by Federal lawyers if he desired to change his testimony, to which Hill replied:

"Yes sir, that's when I should have told the truth."

Morosini asked Hill if any leniency had been held out to him by the Government in consideration of his decision to tell the truth. Hill said no leniency or hope of parole or pardon had been offered.

## Reminded He's American

Hill maintained his decision to tell the truth stemmed from a conference between himself and Edward J. Hickey jr., a Government attorney, during which the latter "reminded me I was an American."

He said another heavy influence on his change of mind had been "the bars of my cell."

Morosini then asked if Hill still intended to press an appeal from the perjury conviction, now pending in the Court of Appeals, and the witness answered in the affirmative.

The courtroom had nearly been cleared when Maloney's request for higher bond on Dennett was

made and the jurors had been excused for the day.

Questioned after her appearance on the stand, Miss Waters told reporters she lived in the 3200 block N St. NW., and that she was the daughter of Mrs. Agnes Waters, who she said is currently on a speaking tour in behalf of groups interested in keeping American troops on American soil.

"Mother doesn't approve of the way the war is being handled," Miss Waters added.

Attorney Morosini said Mrs. Waters had been subpoenaed to appear in behalf of Viereck. In what connection Mrs. Waters would testify could not be learned.

## Miss Waters Explains

Miss Waters said she had attended Western High School and once interviewed "the Hapsburgs for the school paper when they first came here." Her interest in the Viereck case, she said, may be attributed to the fact that she was once employed in Representative Fish's office and worked on preparation of the mailing list the Government charges was used to disseminate the Lundeen speech.

Maloney said last night that he expected Fish to appear today and indicated that Hill also would resume his testimony.