

Grand Jury Recalls Hoffman Secretary

Presumably Quizzed About 'Judas' Speech; Woman Who Helped Distribute It Testifies

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The distribution of the "Roosevelt is a Judas" speech of Representative Charles E. Hoffman was evidently under the scrutiny of the special grand jury on Axis agents again yesterday.

Called back as a witness was Miss Helen Boyer, secretary of the Michigan Isolationist.

Miss Boyer gave the authorization which made Hoffman's frank available to the propaganda organization run by the jailed German agent, George Sylvester Viereck, and represented in the Capitol by Representative Hamilton Fish's secretary, George Hill, who is now in prison for perjury.

Also questioned yesterday was Mrs. Catherine Baldwin, New York, an official of a group using the name of Defenders of the Constitution of the United States. This was one of the groups which were giving out copies of the "Roosevelt is a Judas" speech.

Made in House

Hoffman made this address in the House in January, later combining what he said on two days into a four-page reprint, to which he gave the title of "Don't Haul Down the Stars and Stripes." The subtitles were "A Judas" and "A Birthday Gift."

The Government Printing Office turned out 145,000 copies of the reprint for Hoffman and 95,000 franked envelopes.

The special grand jurors became interested in the distribution of the speech, in the course of an investigation of the widely scattered chain of defeatist publications and organizations.

The Post discovered that copies of the "Roosevelt Is a Judas" production had been mailed by one editor in the same covers with seditious postcards and by David G. Carter, California revolutionist, with the bulletins of a secret, armed band which plans to seize control of an American revolution.

Kansas Paper Barred

Among a dozen persons grilled in this inquiry was E. J. Garner, editor of the weekly paper, Publicity, in Wichita, Kans.

Postmaster General Walker barred Garner's paper from the mails permanently yesterday after the Kansas editor failed to appear before a board of inquiry to answer charges of sedition. Garner himself and his son, James F. Garner, were indicted in Kansas City, Kans., three weeks ago on charges of sedition and criminal conspiracy.

The suppression of Publicity interrupted the paper's installment publication of the text of the speech in which Hoffman explained to the House that he didn't really call the President a "Judas" and that the whole investigation was just a "smear."

Besides Miss Boyer and Mrs. Baldwin the special grand jurors yesterday heard Lieut. Bernard T. D'Arcy, of the Engineer Corps procurement division, and Francis Keeton, New York businessman. D'Arcy formerly was New York manager for Charles E. Coughlin's weekly, Social Justice, which was barred from the mails after Attorney General Biddle declared it seditious.

Special Prosecutors William Power Maloney, Lieut. Edward J.

Hickey, jr., U. S. N., and John T. M. Reddan will call other witnesses next Thursday.

Justice T. Alan Goldsborough of the District Court on Monday will be urged by defense counsel to order the acquittal of Frederick Vincent Williams and David Warren Ryder, who are on trial on charges of conspiring with five Japanese and the Japanese agent, Ralph Townsend, to violate the Foreign Agents Act.

Special Prosecutors Albert E. Arent and Arthur B. Caldwell closed the Government evidence against the pair yesterday.