Griffin, N. Y. Publisher, Fails To Appear for Jury Quizzing

William Griffin, publisher of the New York Enquirer, failed to appear yesterday before the special Grand Jury investigating Axis propaganda. The publisher was reported to be ill in New York.

Griffin appeared before Justice F. Dickinson Letts in U. S. District Court on June 11 and was ordered by the jurist to consult his office records and refresh his memory concerning matters about which he was questioned before the Grand Jury.

He was under summons to appear today.

Testimony revealed that Special Prosecutor William P. Maloney sought to obtain information from Griffin on whether Griffin ever had been paid any money by the German Agent George Sylvester Viereck, now serving a prison term for violation of the foreign agents registration law.

Court Asher Muncie (Ind.) publisher of the magazine X-Ray was expected to testify later in the day.