

# Mailbag Evidence a Man, Hill's Lawyer Shouts in Court

## Woman Who Linked Fish Aide to Viereck Tells of Being Trailed

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PHYLLIS SPIELMAN  
Says She Was Shadowed

Counsel for George Hill, perjury defendant and a secretary of Rep. Hill, yesterday accused the prosecution of "planting" evidence in one of the mailbags the secretary put in his employer's storeroom after they had been spirited from a Nazi propaganda base here.

Former Representative John O'Connor, the defendant's lawyer, shouted the charge at the close of the fourth day of the trial as the eighteenth witness appeared against Hill. In earlier court proceedings:

1. Tall, blonde Phyllis Posivio Spielman, who told of Hill's telephone talks with the indicted German agent, George Sylvester Viereck, complained that she was harassed by a series of shadowers over the weekend.

2. Viereck, who is awaiting trial on charges of concealing his work for his Nazi employers,

claimed and was given the protection of the American Constitution against being forced to answer. See AGENTS, Page 4, Col. 1.

swer most of the questions asked of him. Viereck said he feared he would incriminate himself if made to tell whether he knew Fish, Hill or other Capitol Hill figures.

3. The men who handled the mailbags when they were hustled out of the propaganda center traced their path to Representative Fish's storeroom on the sixth floor of the New House Office Building.

The special grand jury on Axis agents accused Hill of swearing falsely when he denied he knew Viereck and denied he had the mailbags placed in Fish's storeroom.

First advanced by Fish himself the day The Post exposed the mailbag scandal, the "frame-up" charge was O'Connor's answer to the reading of part of a speech which Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney fished out of one of the mailbags.

Maloney read from "Six Men and War," a speech which Mrs. Spielman testified was delivered in the Senate by her former employer, the late Senator Ernest Lundeen (Farmer-Labor), of Minnesota, but was written by Viereck. The speech contained these words: "Europe for the Europeans; America for the Americans."

From one of the mailbags, Maloney produced a franked envelope of former Representative Jacob Thorkelson (Republican), of Montana. This contained an interview with Hitler which Thorkelson had inserted in the Congressional Record. Hitler was quoted as using almost the same words as those in the Lundeen speech.

O'Connor demanded that the mailbags be sealed up.

"I want them kept away from the Department of Justice," he shouted. "Anything could have been put in there. That envelope was planted there! Let's see you pull out another one!"

"There are the bags," Maloney retorted. "They are in evidence. You pull one out."

### Attorneys Examine Bags

Justice F. Dickinson Letts left the bench, remarking that, since court was adjourning, the attorneys might examine all the mail bags they liked.

Hill immediately set to going through the mail bag from which Maloney had pulled the envelope and found 11 other Thorkelson franked envelopes. William F. Cusick, another counsel for Hill, claimed the 11 envelopes were empty.

Mrs. Spielman testified that she had often telephoned Hill for Senator Lundeen, who was often vis-

whose answers Viereck claimed would incriminate him:

What is your occupation?  
How long have you followed it?  
Did you work for the German government in the first World War?  
Did you work for the German Library of Information (an official propaganda agency) in 1939 and 1940?

Did you get \$10,000 from Dr. Giseler Wirsing (of Munich) in 1940 to spend in this country? (Although Viereck would not answer yesterday, his registration at the State Department says he got this money.)

### Asked About \$25,000

Did you in 1941 receive \$25,000. Do you know Sigfried Hauck (head of Flanders Hall, Inc., publishing firm established, financed and controlled by Viereck)?

Did you write the speech "Lord Lothian Against Lord Lothian" made by the late Senator Lundeen? (Lothian was the late British Ambassador here.)

Did you edit or write a book ("We Must Save the Republic") for Representative Stephen A. Day, of Illinois?

Did you edit or write the book, "Who's Who Among the War Mongers," for former Senator Rush D. Holt (Democrat), of West Virginia?

Do you know Representative Hamilton Fish?

Do you know George Hill?

Two of the special grand jurors have testified that Viereck admitted he knew Hill when he testified before them.

O'Connors' cross-examination of Viereck was brief. He asked the Nazi agent to tell what his business was with Hill and what money he paid Hill. Viereck replied that he was afraid that he might be incriminated if he answered this.

Prescott Dennett, press agent for Viereck's propaganda publishers and mailer of franked propaganda for Hill, was summoned before the grand jury on September 19, 1941. The trail of the mailbags began that morning, starting with Frank R. Monroe, foreman of the mail platform of the House postoffice.

Monroe said about 9 a. m. that morning Hill asked him to send a truck in a hurry to make a pickup from Dennett's headquarters, then situated at 1430 Rhode Island Avenue Northwest. Michael O'Gorman, a clerk, heard this.

Monroe sent a truck driven by Charles Wilson, Duke University graduate, who is also a clerk. Wilson testified that Dennett had 20 bulging mailbags ready. Wilson said that upon instructions he left some at the America First Commit-