

Ingalls, Viereck Trial Dates Set

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Aviatrix Enters

Not Guilty Plea

Justice Department prosecutors worked at top speed yesterday preparing their case against indicted alleged enemy agents as the Special Grand Jury prepared to resume its probe of axis propaganda.

Laura Ingalls, diminutive aviatrix, pleaded not guilty in District Court yesterday and was ordered to stand trial on February 9 as an unregistered agent of the German Reich.

Handicapped by the surprise order of Justice T. Alan Goldsborough to bring George Sylvester Viereck, alleged master mind of the Nazi propaganda ring in this country, to trial next Wednesday, Special Prosecutors William Power Maloney and Edward J. Hickey jr. desperately sought to round up missing witnesses.

Viereck's trial originally had been scheduled for February 2, but after a jury convicted George Hill, second secretary to Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, Thursday, Justice Goldsborough announced he wanted Viereck tried before him.

John O'Connor and William F. Cusick, attorneys for Hill, worked yesterday on a motion for a new trial, but said they did not think they would have it ready for filing before Monday.

Hill, meanwhile, remained in the District Jail, awaiting prison sentences of from four to 20 years. The sentences, mandatory under the two counts of perjury on which Hill was convicted, will not be imposed until after the motion for a new trial is argued, it was indicated.

Justice F. Dickinson Letts refused to permit Hill to remain at liberty under bail while his attorneys fought for a new trial.

First witness before the special Grand Jury when it reconvenes Monday will be Prescott Dennett, secretary of the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee."

Dennett has been a witness before the special Grand Jury several times in the past.