

# Jury to Get Hill Perjury Case Today

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Prosecutor Brands

## Him Cog in German Propaganda Machine

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George Hill, second secretary to Representative Hamilton Fish (R.) of New York, today will learn whether he will be jailed as "an important cog in a diabolic propaganda machine" or freed as "an unimportant little fellow who has been persecuted in a smear campaign."

Hill's trial on two counts of perjury closed yesterday in a dramatic outburst of forensics seldom equaled for bitterness in District Court.

### Judge's Charge Today

Justice F. Dickinson Letts today will charge a jury of 12 men and place in their hands the fate of the once obscure Congressional secretary who told a special grand jury investigating Axis propagandists he did not know George Sylvester Viereck, registered Nazi agent, and did not order eight mail sacks sought by the jury hidden in the storeroom of Representative Fish, his employer.

Hill faces mandatory jail sentences of from 2 to 10 years on each of the perjury counts if he is convicted.

Special Assistant to the Attorney General William Power Maloney demanded the conviction of Hill "for the protection of the American people and American institutions."

"He was an important cog," said Maloney, "in the most vicious, most effective propaganda machine the world has ever seen."

"It was so effective and so diabolically clever it was able to reach into the United States Capitol and use the halls of Congress as a sounding board in its campaign to divide the American people as it divided the people of France, Norway and other crushed nations."

"It was the long arm of the Gestapo that forced Hill to go before the grand jury and lie. It was the Gestapo that put those lies in his mouth because it knew if he told the truth the Government and the American people would find out about the operations of this propaganda machine."

Viereck, Maloney told the jury, employed Hill to direct the mailing of 625,000 pieces of material favorable to the Nazi cause.

### "Hill Sought Profit"

"That false prophet of a false god in Berlin in spreading his germs of hate had the temerity to employ a worker in the office of one of our legislators," Maloney declared.

Viereck, Maloney said, received \$67,000 from the German government in one year and he charged some of this money found its way to Hill.

John O'Connor, once chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee, chief defense counsel, pleaded with the jury to give Hill a "break" and not to be swayed by war hatreds. He pointed out that the propaganda material Hill had mailed out consisted of copies of speeches made in Congress by legislators opposed to U. S. intervention in the war.

"Remember, that was a year before Pearl Harbor," O'Connor said.

Maloney heatedly denied the Government was attempting to "smear" Representative Fish.

### O'Connor Enraged

"The Grand Jury in its investigation," he said, "was after the people who were trying to divide this country and it mattered not to us whether their names were Representative Fish, Hill, or former Congressman O'Connor."

"Are you trying to insinuate the Grand Jury investigated me?" broke in O'Connor with rage.

"I will not divulge Grand Jury secrets," replied Maloney.

"Then I brand it as a lie falling from the lips of counsel," shouted O'Connor.