

Former Secretary Links

Hill With Aiding Lundeen

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A secretary to the late Senator Lundeen of Minnesota testified today that Representative Fish's second secretary, George Hill—on trial in District Court on a perjury charge—arranged to assist in mailing out a "large shipment" of reprints of Senator Lundeen's speeches during 1940.

The witness, Mrs. Gordon Spielman, also testified that certain speeches by the Minnesota Senator were written by George Sylvester Viereck, registered German agent, who she described as visiting the Senator's office at least four times during July and August.

Mrs. Spielman, the former Phyllis Posivio, testified to knowing Viereck and talking repeatedly over the telephone to Mr. Hill.

The shipment of speeches handled in Representative Fish's office was so large that Mr. Hill declared Senator Lundeen could not take care of it, she declared.

Counsel in Hill Trial Engage in Loud and Heated Arguments

Viereck and Government Auditor Expected to Take Stand Today

(Picture on Page A-2.)

Arguments between prosecution and defense counsel at the perjury trial of George Hill became so loud and heated in District Court today that Justice F. Dickinson Letts felt called upon to tell the jury:

"No conscious effort is being made by anybody at the trial table to offend anybody else."

Developments expected late today at the trial of Mr. Hill, secretary to Representative Fish of New York, included appearance on the stand of George Sylvester Viereck, described as the "high priest" of Nazi propaganda in this country, and a Government auditor expected to name Senators and Representatives whose speeches Mr. Hill ordered reprinted by the Government Printing Office.

O'Connor Asks Transcript.

Mr. Hill is charged with falsely denying he knew Viereck, a registered German agent under indictment for alleged failure to reveal all his activities to the State Department as required by law.

Defense Counsel John J. O'Connor today protested that Justice Letts yesterday ordered the prosecution to give him (Mr. O'Connor) a transcript of grand jury testimony by Prescott Dennett, but Special Assistant to the Attorney General William Power Maloney had failed to comply.

Mr. Maloney contended no such instructions were given. He contended there would be "grave danger" in giving out this testimony because Dennett's disclosure covered matters still under investigation by the grand jury, which is probing German activities in the United States.

Dennett's name has been brought into Mr. Hill's trial repeatedly. The prosecution contends that his isolationist committees here, including Islands for War Debts Committee, were subsidized by Viereck.

Justice Letts resolved the dispute by ordering Mr. Maloney to submit Dennett's grand jury testimony to the jurist, who will himself decide what the defense counsel may see.

A small start was made yesterday in listing the "propaganda" Mr. Hill allegedly ordered reprinted. John S.

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Gorrell, foreman of the grand jury which indicted him, declared an F. B. I. agent told the grand jury of the following ordered and paid for by Mr. Hill:

A total of 85,000 reprints of "England Expects Every American to Do His Duty," ordered on March 31 and April 29, 1941. For these, Mr. Hill paid \$373.50, it was testified. Although taken from a book published in 1937, the material was entered as "extension of the remarks" of Senator Clark of Idaho, it was testified, and 85,000 envelopes bearing the Senator's frank were made available by the Government Printing Office. The postage-free distribution was authorized by a Miss Shanks of Senator Clark's office, it was stated.

La Follette Speeches Reprinted.

Reprints of two speeches by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, numbering 30,000 each, allegedly paid for by a \$61 check from Mr. Hill. It was testified that franked envelopes were provided on authorization of a Mr. Clapp in the Senator's office.

Reprints in 25,000 copies of "Three Steps to War," by Senator Brooks of Illinois.

Another 25,000 reprints of remarks by Representative Rankin of Mississippi, for which Mr. Hill allegedly wrote a \$47.55 check. These were said to have contained material from "Aid to England," by Herbert Hoover.

District Court jurors heard more about use of the frank when a portion of Mr. Hill's alleged testimony before the grand jury was read.

Cites Speeches Given Dennett.

The grand jury stenographer quoted Mr. Hill as saying he believed he gave 500 or perhaps 1,000 Fish speeches to Dennett.

Mr. Hill told the grand jury, according to the stenographer's record, that it was customary to give groups such speeches without asking what use was intended.

Such has been common practice during the 20 years Mr. Hill has been a secretary of Representative Fish, Mr. Hill was quoted as saying, and in the majority of cases franked envelopes were handed out with the speeches.

"We were awfully free with Mr. Fish's speeches," the defendant was quoted as explaining.