

# Hill Bought 400,000 Reprints Of Anti-British Talks, Jury Told

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Members of Congress Who Made  
Speeches To Be Named at Trial

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Names of 25 Senators and Representatives whose pre-war speeches and insertions in the Congressional Record were utilized by Nazi propaganda organizations will be placed before a Criminal Court jury today at the perjury trial of George Hill, second secretary to Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York.

Balance sheets compiled by the Department of Justice showing that Hill, whose annual salary is \$2,000, spent almost \$3,000 in eight months last year buying more than 400,000 reprints of anti-British and anti-Roosevelt material from the Government Printing Office, also will be laid before the jury.

## Viereck To Be Witness

Introduction of this evidence will be followed by the appearance on the witness stand of George Sylvester Viereck, registered Nazi agent and alleged Nazi "high priest of propaganda" in this country.

William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General,

## Hill

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Reynolds, Robert M. LaFollette, C. Wayland Brookes, Edwin C. Johnson, D. Worth Clark and the late Ernest Lundeen and Representatives William G. Stratton, Martin Sweeney and John Rankin, were called off before the jury.

Hill was a lavish purchaser of reprints of material inserted in the Congressional Record by these Congressmen, John Gorrell, foreman of the special Grand Jury, testified.

Refreshing his memory from a chart prepared by the Department of Justice, Gorrell told the jury that a reprint of "England Expects Every American to Do His Duty" by Quincy Howe, inserted in the Record by Senator Clark, was Hill's favorite.

## Hill Bought Reprints

Hill ordered 80,000 reprints of this title last March and a few weeks later bought 25,000 more, Gorrell testified.

Included in the reprints of speeches Hill bought was one by former President Hoover entitled "Aid to England."

Gorrell yesterday listed purchases by Hill of 256,000 reprints from the Government Printing Office. Maloney said the Justice Department chart which he will offer in evidence today lists purchases of almost a half-million reprints.

## Pro-Axis Publications

Maloney pointed out to the jury that many of the reprints were editorials and articles which had appeared in publications with pro-axis leanings. Members of Congress who inserted them in the Record "may or may not have known what they contained," Maloney said.

John O'Connor, chief of defense counsel, and Maloney fought bitterly throughout yesterday's session of the trial. Late in the day O'Connor received permission from Justice F. Dickinson Letts to obtain a copy of the full stenographic transcript of Hill's testimony before the Grand Jury.

Maloney asked Justice Letts to instruct O'Connor not to let anyone else see the confidential record, adding:

"I have seen Viereck's lawyer

who has charged that Viereck directed the "planting" of material favorable to the Nazi cause in the Congressional Record, will attempt to draw from the German agent an admission that he knew and worked with Hill in the dissemination of propaganda.

The perjury charge against Hill is based on his denial under oath before a special grand jury that he knew Viereck, and his insistence that he had nothing to do with storing eight mail bags full of evidence sought by the jury in the storeroom of Representative Fish.

## Jury Hears Names

The evidence which Maloney plans to introduce today was touched upon briefly at the trial yesterday, when the names of Senators Gerald P. Nye, Robert R.

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hovering around the courtroom all day."

"I know the viciousness with which that suggestion was made and I resent it," O'Connor shouted. "It was not made in good faith. Of course, I, as an officer of this court, would not permit an unauthorized person to view the record."

O'Connor searchingly cross-examined stenographers who compiled the record, and accused the Government of deleting large portions of Hill's testimony from the indictment.