

# Hill Linked To Viereck in Propaganda

T. H. Hill  
Distributed 500,000

Pieces of Literature,  
Federal Jury Told

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Thin, colorless George Hill, second secretary in the office of Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, listened with a well-struck attention in District Court yesterday while Government prosecutors branded him as a key figure in a ring of masterful Nazi propagandists.

Charged with perjury because of testimony he had given before the grand jury investigating axis propagandists, Hill in less than one year distributed more than 500,000 pieces of pro-axis literature under congressional frank, William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, alleged.

## Viereck Testifies Today

George Sylvester Viereck, registered German agent whom Maloney described to the jury as "the high priest of Nazi propaganda," will be called to the witness stand today to be questioned about his associations with Hill. Viereck is under indictment for failing to disclose all of his activities when he registered with the State Department.

Three former secretaries to the late Senator Ernest Lundeen (F.L.), of Minnesota, also will be called to testify that Viereck did business with Hill. They are Elizabeth Marie Tomal, Harriet Johnson and Phyllis Pasivio.

## Dennett Accused

Maloney, in his opening statement to the jury of 12 men and two male alternate jurors, declared that Viereck was the master mind of a Nazi propaganda conspiracy which utilized the voices of American Senators and franked congressional envelopes to circulate the material Goebbels wanted distributed in the United States.

Prescott Dennett, chairman of the Make Europe Pay Its War

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Debts committee, described by Maloney as a "purveyor of unsavory half truths," was Viereck's distribution agent in Washington, the prosecutor said. He told the jury Dennett worked closely with Hill in securing the insertion of pro-Axis material in the Congressional Record so it could be printed cheaply in the Government Printing Office and then distributed free through the mails.

The indictment against Hill alleges he told the grand jury he did not know Viereck and had never done business with him. A second count alleges Hill told the grand jury he did not order a number of mail bags containing franked isolationist speeches taken from Dennett's office after the latter was served with a subpoena and brought to Representative Fish's storeroom at the Capitol.

Maloney told the jury he would produce four House Office Building employes to prove that Hill ordered the bags placed in Fish's storeroom.

## Mrs. Doyle On Stand

Mrs. Henry Grattan Doyle, president of the Board of Education and secretary of the special grand jury, told the criminal court jurors Hill's testimony was directly in conflict with other evidence gathered by the inquisitorial body.

Asked if Viereck had admitted knowing Hill, she replied:

"He refused to answer that question on the grounds it might incriminate him."

John O'Connor, former chairman of the House Rules Committee and chief of defense counsel, clashed constantly with Maloney and Special Assistant Attorney General Edward J. Hickey jr.

While Mrs. Doyle was on the stand, O'Connor was on his feet constantly and objected to every question put to her. At one point O'Connor said Mrs. Doyle's testimony was "second-hand hearsay" and asked Justice F. Dickinson Letts to withdraw a juror and end the trial. He was overruled.

## Refers to Other Officials

Although the name of Senator Lundeen was the only congressional figure mentioned yesterday as a tool of Viereck's, Maloney frequently referred to "several other high Government officials."

For Lundeen, Maloney said, Viereck wrote and edited speeches which the Senator delivered. He hinted the same service was performed by the German agent for other Members of Congress.

O'Connor reserved his opening statement to the jury, explaining:

"I can't tell at this time, on the basis of what the Government has said, whether Viereck, Senator Lundeen or Hill are being tried here."