

2 Morale Plot Suspects Win Delay in Trial

Special Dispatch to The Post

New York, Sept. 8.—Two New York defendants today temporarily blocked efforts to remove them to Washington to stand trial with 26 others on charges of conspiring to incite mutiny and disloyalty in the Army and Navy.

Over the spirited protests of Government counsel, United States Commissioner Garrett Cotter granted a week's postponement to:

William Griffin, friend of the German agent, George Sylvester Viereck, and publisher of the newspaper, New York Enquirer, which printed the notorious "Iceland V" postcard in August, 1941.

Col. Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, head of the Fascist group which uses the name American Christian Defenders and author of the anti-British book "War Guilt and War Mongers" which the Washington grand jury declared was an instrument of the seditious propaganda network.

Griffin Pleads Illness

"These men are dangerous and they ought to be in jail," Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney protested when both the alleged conspirators pleaded for delay.

Griffin, who has suffered heart attacks on other occasions when he was summoned as a witness during the grand jury investigation, claimed yesterday that he was too ill to take part in the hearing.

Sanctuary, through two attorneys, asked for time to get certified copies of court orders issued in Washington. Commissioner Cotter heard the poll clerk of the Washington special grand jury identify the prisoners and testify they were the persons accused in the indictment returned on July 21.

Hill Waits to Testify

George Hill, hireling of Viereck's Nazi propaganda machine and former secretary of Representative Hamilton Fish, was brought here Monday from Lorton Reformatory. He was waiting in a cell today to testify against Griffin and Sanctuary, but his appearance was put off until next week.

Prosecutor Maloney said that the repentant Hill—who is serving a term for perjury—would give testimony disclosing new secrets of the Nazi propaganda operation. Viereck was accused of conspiring with Sanctuary and Griffin.

Maloney came to New York with Special Prosecutor John T. M. Reddan to help Federal prosecutors here in the removal proceedings. Maloney and Reddan will appear in Chicago Thursday to demand the removal for trial of Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling and other defendants, who are accused with Sanctuary and Griffin.