

Warrant Out For Mrs. Dilling

28 Indicted in Wide Conspiracy To Corrupt Army and Navy

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A gigantic conspiracy against the loyalty, morale and discipline of the Army and Navy is charged against 28 persons by the secret indictment returned Tuesday by the special grand jury on Axis agents.

The charges and the names of many of the accused became public last night as warrants were issued in half a dozen cities for the arrest of the alleged conspirators, whose operations reached from Coast to Coast.

The full text of the indictment is scheduled to be disclosed here late today.

The indictment charged two conspiracies. The grand jurors found that one of these was in operation before the war, and had as its object the corruption of the armed forces

by the circulation of seditious papers and other material. The penalty upon conviction of this crime would be \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison, or both.

The grand jurors found the conspirators continued their operations, with the same object, after the attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent declaration of war, in violation of another section of the United States Code. The penalty upon conviction of such a conspiracy in wartime is \$10,000 fine, or 20 years in prison, or both.

Warrants were issued in Chicago, the Associated Press reported, for:

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, promoter of the "Patriotic Research Bureau," spark plug of many isolationist demonstrations in Wash-

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ington in the last two years and a distributor of the then anti-British book, "Lord Lothian vs. Lord Lothian," which was instigated and published by the German agent, George Sylvester Viereck.

Dr. Donald Judson McDaniel, a dentist who made an avocation of subversive agitation and hired an artist to turn his propaganda ideas into pictures and cartoons.

Otto Brennermann, the artist, who did this work for McDaniel and others.

William J. Connor, First Assistant United States Attorney, got these warrants on orders from Special Prosecutors William Power Maloney and John T. M. Reddan in Washington. These special assistants to the Attorney General conducted the grand jury investigation here into the Nation-wide conspiracy alleged in the secret indictment. Warrants were out in New York for:

William Griffin, publisher of the New York Enquirer, paying client of the Nazi propaganda service Transocean, and collaborator of the Nazi agent Viereck.

Col. Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, promoter of the Fascist organization, American Christian Defenders, and author of a book, "War Guilt and War Mongers," which attacked England and the American Government.

Robert Edward Edmondson, whose paper was called American Vigilante and who once issued a chart purporting to prove that "Roosevelt" was an alias to conceal a Jewish family name.

Russell K. Lambeau, assistant United States attorney in Los Angeles, said last night that seven men in his district were named in the secret indictment. Four of them were already in custody. They were:

Robert Noble and Ellis O. Jones, who were given prison terms of five and four years, respectively, this week for seditious conspiracy and are wanted by the State of California for violating the anti-subversion law.

Hermann Max Schwinn, former Silver Shirts and promoter of the Deutscher Amerikaner Bund.

Hans Diebel, former operator of the Aryan Book Shop, which was set up in the Deutsches Haus in Los Angeles.

Schwinn and Diebel are under indictment in New York for conspiring with other Bund leaders to thwart the Selective Service Act. Caught last night, in San Diego, was Constantin Leon de Aryan, editor of The Broom, distributor of tons of isolationist speeches under Congressional frank and now a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress. He was held overnight without bail, for hearing today upon removal to Washington to face the conspiracy charges.

Wanted also in the West were David Baxter, chancellor of the secret, Revisionist Social Republic Society. This armed band was poised to seize control of the American Government when a revolution broke out. They said this was imminent.

The seventh defendant from the

far West was William Kullgren, editor of the pro-Nazi monthly, Beacon Light, who slyly hinted at the assassination of President Roosevelt and other officials. He is already under indictment in California for sedition.

The trail of the alleged conspirators led to Omaha, Nebr., where Maloney despatched orders for the arrest of Charles B. Hudson, whose weekly bulletin, "America in Danger," has attacked the Government, the British and the Jews for five years, meanwhile justifying the Nazis and promoting the efforts of other American workers along the same line.

Four defendants were sought in Wichita, Kans., were:

Elmer J. Garner, 78, and his son, James Franklin Garner, 48, who already are under indictment for sedition and conspiracy in connection with material which appeared in their paper, Publicity. The paper was cited for sedition and barred from the mails.

Gerald B. Winrod, the pro-Nazi editor of the monthly magazine, Defender, which published the work of many of the other defendants.

Hudson de Priest, a collaborator of both Winrod and the Garners. United States marshals from Indianapolis were sent to pick up

Court Asher, Muncie, Ind., whose paper, The X-Ray, was barred from the mails a few weeks ago after a hearing on a charge of sedition.

No hunt was necessary for these three defendants:

George Sylvester Viereck, the Nazi agent, who was in the Dis-

trict Jail last night, waiting for a ruling on his appeal of a prison sentence of 2 to 6 years for violating the Foreign Agents Act.

Prescott Erese Dennett, Viereck's Washington operative, who was taken in custody in Fort Jefferson, Mo., as soon as Army officials learned he was under indictment. He was drafted a few weeks ago.

Ralph Townsend, the Japanese agent who wrote for Scribner's Commentator, who is under a prison sentence of 8 to 24 months