

# Viereck's Aide Tells of Mailing Work to Nazis

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Secretary Testifies  
Dieckhoff Received  
Weekly Articles

George Sylvester Viereck's private secretary today described to a District Court jury hearing the case of the German propagandist how she typed weekly articles prepared by the defendant and sent them to foreign sources, including Dr. Hans Dieckhoff in Berlin, former German Ambassador to the United States.

Miss Frieda Gillar, who said she was employed by Viereck from 1933 until March, 1942, told of preparing several copies of the defendant's summation of the American political scene each week.

One report was air-mailed to the editor of a Munich newspaper which Viereck served as a United States correspondent, two others were sent to Lisbon and Berne for transmittal to a Munich paper, and another to Dr. Dieckhoff, then attached to the German Foreign Office.

Viereck Described as "Very Busy."

Miss Gillar described Viereck as "a very busy man" during her employment. He also was working for the German Library of Information in New York City as well as writing articles for numerous American weekly and monthly publications.

Viereck, who is being tried for the third time on charges of violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, is specifically charged with failing to list all foreign principals for which he worked and failure to give a comprehensive account of his activities in this country. On registering as a foreign agent with the State Department he listed the Munich newspaper and subsequently the German Library of Information as foreign principals.

Earlier, cross-examination of Pvt.

Prescott Dennett, whose refusal to testify yesterday forced a representative of the judge advocate general's office to rule the former isolationist would not be prejudicing his Army career by testifying, was postponed until next week. This was done to permit Justice Bolitha J. Laws to read grand jury testimony of Pvt. Dennett, and to act on a defense motion that it be permitted to use the testimony in its examination of the witness.

Will Call Fish's Aide.

Col. Archibald King, hurriedly called by the prosecution yesterday following Dennett's surprise move, informed Justice Laws that he saw no reason why the witness should not testify, particularly since the activities relating to the defendant occurred prior to Dennett's induction.

The prosecution, meantime, announced it would call George Hill, a former office assistant to Representative Fish, Republican, of New York, following Dennett's appearance. Hill served a year for perjury as a result of his testimony before the Federal grand jury which indicted Viereck.

Dennett's Memory "Hazy."

Repeatedly through the afternoon, Dennett—on questioning by Prosecutor George A. McNulty concerning operations of the isolationist Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee which Dennett served as treasurer—replied that his memory was "hazy." Each time Mr. McNulty asked him to refresh his memory by reading from his testimony at a grand jury proceeding in February of last year.

He did quote Viereck as saying he was in sympathy with the committee, but that the defendant said he was not interested in having his name added to the list of committee sponsors.

Recalls \$5,000 Gift.

Dennett listed the founders of the isolationist group as the late Senator Lundeen, the late Gen. Smedley D. Butler, the late Lynn E. Gale and himself. After further questioning and refreshing of his memory, the witness said he recalled that Viereck gave the committee a total of \$5,000.

A "fair percentage" of the money, he said, was used to mail out franked speeches of isolationist members of Congress.

At one point, Dennett remarked that he was "sorry to have come back to the civilian world, appearing so dense and dumb." Mr. McNulty replied: "I have no illusions as to whether you are dense or dumb."