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Bail of Missing 'Front' Member Is Forfeited &

Judge Declares \$7,500 Forfeited, Issues Bench Warrant

Claus Gunther Ernecke, one of 17 persons accused of plotting to overthrow the government, failed to appear with his co-defendants in federal court yesterday.

Judge Marcus A. Campbell ordered his \$7,500 bond forfeited after defense attorney Leo Healy announced that Ernecke, a German citizen, could not be found. A bench warrant was issued for the missing man's arrest.

A few minutes before Campbell had ordered the trial, postponed from Wednesday, put over until next Monday because of the continued illness of the government's star witness, Denis A. Healy, civil engineer who spied on members of the Christian Front in Brooklyn and produced the evidence on which the prosecution is based.

Attorney Healy told the court he had been "advised that Ernecke is not at his home" but asked the judge to wait until Monday before forfeiting bail. Campbell refused to wait more than a few minutes and, when the defendant did not appear, declared the forfeit.