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### ***Christian Front Suspect Kidnaped, Attorney Fears***

New York, April 12 (INS).—While G-men sought Claus Gunther Ernecke, one of 17 defendants in the Christian Front sedition trial, Ernecke's attorney asserted tonight that his client might have been kidnaped or murdered.

Ernecke's failure to appear at the trial today caused cancellation of his \$7,500 bail and resulted in postponement of the trial until Monday.

Leo Harley, representing Ernecke, said that the German-born defendant, accused in the alleged conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, had been threatened with death.

Ernecke, Healy said, left his Brooklyn apartment this morning and supposedly started for the courthouse.