



VIERECK ARRIVES—George Sylvester Viereck, as he arrived at District Court this afternoon. —A. P. Photo.

Plea of Innocent Entered by Viereck In Propaganda Case

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**Accused Publicist Held
In \$15,000 Bail; Speedy
Trial Is Asked**

George Sylvester Viereck, New York publicist, pleaded innocent in District Court this afternoon to an indictment charging him with failing to register properly at the State Department as a German agent. He was photographed and fingerprinted at police headquarters and held in \$15,000 bond.

Through George A. McNulty and William Power Maloney, special assistants to the Attorney General, the Government served notice it would push for a speedy trial. The Government was agreeable to having the \$15,000 bond, set in New York City, continued here.

Defense Counsel Daniel F. Co-halan, jr., and Emil Morosini, jr., both of New York, said they would create no unnecessary delays in the trial. Mr. Viereck was arraigned before Justice James W. Morris, who asked Mr. Viereck if he understood what the indictment accused him of, and he replied in the affirmative. The Government interposed no objections to giving the defense two weeks in which to make legal attacks on the indictment.

Mr. Maloney told Justice Morris that "it is the desire of the Attorney General, in view of the serious nature of this case, to have a trial at the earliest possible moment." He added, however, that the Government has no desire to deprive the accused or his counsel of legal rights.

When Mr. Maloney attempted to tell the court that the evidence will show that Mr. Viereck is the head of Nazi propagandists in this country, Mr. Morosini intervened, declaring that there is no need to try the case at this time, and Justice Morris agreed.