

# Steuben Society Enters Probe of Nazi Activities

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## Magazine Employes

## Also Called; Viereck

## Lawyer Seeks Delay

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The Government's probe of Nazi propaganda activities in the United States turned yesterday to the Steuben Society of America, organization of German-Americans founded in 1919, and to Scribner's Commentator, a national magazine which opposed the Administration's foreign policy.

An officer of the Steuben Society, Arthur Junga, magistrate of the New York branch, testified briefly before the special District Grand Jury hearing the Justice Department's case. He will testify again today and be followed later by other officers.

### Magazine Employe Called

Miss Bessie Feagin, of New York, employe of Scribner's Commentator, went before the jury and Miss Gladys La Vance, described by Justice Department attorneys as an ex-employe of the magazine, waited all day to testify but was not called.

The magazine, a consolidation of Scribner's and the Commentator, is no longer sold in Washington. Local news companies report no issues have been received since July.

It is understood the Government is seeking to determine what connections, if any, there have been between the Steuben Society and the magazine on the one hand and George Sylvester Viereck, indicted Nazi agent, on the other.

### Three Counts Stand Up

District Court Justice T. Alan Goldsborough yesterday ruled Viereck must stand trial on three of the five counts on which he was indicted.

The jurist threw out as faulty two counts of the indictment having to do with his original registration filed with the State Department but he refused to throw out the three other counts, as had been asked by Viereck's attorneys. Viereck himself did not appear in court.

Special Assistant Attorney General William P. Maloney, handling the Government's case, suggested setting the trial date for November 17, but this was objected to by Viereck's attorney, Emil Morosini.

A heated interchange of words took place in which Maloney accused Morosini of "delaying justice" by asking a longer time to prepare his case.

### Wants Trial November 17

Maloney will go before Justice James W. Morris, probably today, and seek to have the trial set for November 17. Justice Goldsborough said he would be unable to take the case before January 5 because of other work. Morosini agreed to that date, but Maloney objected.

Justice Goldsborough ruled that Secretary of State Cordell Hull had "clearly" overstepped his authority in asking on the registration blank for agents of foreign governments certain information not required by the statute.

The law later was amended to ask the questions. Viereck is accused in the three counts on which he will be tried of failing to reveal all his activities.

Maloney said later the court's action in quashing two counts of the indictment "won't hurt the Government's case a bit."