

District Spy Jury Probes Steuben Society, Magazine Association's Bronx Chairman And Two Women Questioned

The District Grand Jury investigating Nazi propaganda in the United States delved for two and one half hours yesterday further into the activities of the Steuben Society of America and Scribner's Commentator, a national magazine.

The Justice Department, it is understood, is seeking to determine what, if any, connection there is between the society and the magazine on the one hand, and George Sylvester Viereck, indicted Nazi agent, on the other. The Grand Jury meets again this afternoon.

of the Grand Jury phase of the Justice Department's investigation, would not comment on the affidavit or the charges made in it, but it is known the Government has seen the magazine article containing the affidavit and summoned Miss LaVance and Miss Feagin to question them about it. Mrs. Esther Van Sciver, of New York, who made the affidavit, was questioned by the jury yesterday.

Maloney was unable to see District Court Justice James Morris yesterday to set a date for Viereck's trial, but he hopes to arrange a date today.

Call Women on Staff

Arthur Junga, chairman of the Bronx unit of the Steuben Society, was recalled during the morning and testified briefly. He was followed by Miss Bessie Feagin, an employe of the magazine, and Miss Gladys La Vance, a former employe.

Other officers of the Steuben Society are to be called. The society began in post-World War days as an organization to rebuild German-American friendship. Since the present war began it has been accused of being a front for Nazi activities.

Scribner's Commentator is a violent opponent of the Administration's foreign policy. It is no longer sold on the newstands but is mailed to subscribers.

Listed Lindbergh Mail

According to an affidavit published in the New Masses, a leftist magazine, on Oct. 14, 1941, Miss LaVance was engaged in reading letters received by Charles A. Lindbergh in response to his radio talks and listing the addresses of the senders to compile a mailing list. The lists then were taken to the office of Scribner's Commentator in New York, according to the affidavit. The affidavit describes Miss Feagin as directing the work.

William P. Maloney, in charge