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Musa, Vichy Agent, Seeking War Job at Time of Arrest

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Jean Leonard Musa, charged with failing to register as a foreign agent for the Vichy government, was negotiating for a war plant job when he was arrested last week, it was disclosed in Federal Court today.

Called for a hearing, Musa told Judge Francis G. Caffey he was financially unable to employ counsel. When the court asked whether he was employed at the time of his arrest, the 55-year-old Swiss-born naturalized American replied:

"I was negotiating with the General Bronze Corp. for a position."

"Was the figure of \$1,000 per month discussed?" interposed United States Attorney Mathias Correa.

"Not as a salary," Musa answered.

Mr. Correa later refused to explain his question.

Judge Caffey then assigned counsel to Musa and adjourned the hearing until Thursday.

The Government charged that Musa was on the payroll of Gaston Henry-Haye, Vichy French Ambassador in Washington, from September, 1940, to April, 1941. The charges said he disseminated Vichy propaganda and handled passport applications.