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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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HOLDING A CRIMINAL TERM  
OCTOBER TERM, 1941

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SS:

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged, at a regular term, to wit: the July 1941 term, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, having begun but not finished during the said July 1941 term of Court, an investigation of the matters charged in this indictment, and having been by order of said Court, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Judicial Code as amended (28 U.S.C. § 421) authorized to continue to sit at the October 1941 Criminal term of said Court to finish investigations begun but not finished in the July 1941 term, and inquiring in and for said District, upon their oath present and find as follows, to wit:

COUNT I.

1. During the period from September 15, 1939 to the date of the return of this indictment, the Munchner Neueste Nachrichten was a foreign business, that is to say, a newspaper having its principal place of business at Sendlingerstrasse 80, Munich, Germany, and was a foreign principal as defined in the Act of June 8, 1938, as amended by the Act of August 7, 1939, hereinafter referred to as the Act.

2. During the period from September 15, 1939 to the date of the return of this indictment, Dr. Giselher Wirsing, Editor-in-chief of the aforesaid Munchner Neueste Nachrichten, was a person domiciled abroad,

that is to say, in Munich, Germany, and was a foreign principal as defined in the Act.

3. During the period from September 15, 1939 to the date of the return of this indictment Verlag Knorr and Hirth, publisher of the said Munchner Neueste Nachrichten, was a foreign business located in Munich, Germany, and was a foreign principal as defined in the Act.

4. During the period from September 15, 1939 to and including July 15, 1941, the German Library of Information was a domestic organization subsidized directly and indirectly in whole and in part by the government of a foreign country and was a foreign principal as defined in the Act.

5. During the period from September 15, 1939 to the date of the return of this indictment, George Sylvester Viereck, hereby indicted and named as the defendant herein, acted and engaged and agreed to act as a public-relations counsel, publicity agent, agent and representative for and received compensation from and was under the direction of the said Munchner Neueste Nachrichten, the said Dr. Giselher Wirsing, the said Verlag Knorr and Hirth, and the said German Library of Information, and was an agent of a foreign principal as defined in the Act, and as such agent of a foreign principal the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, was required by the Act and by the rules and regulations prescribed and promulgated by the Secretary of State of the United States pursuant to the Act, hereinafter referred to as the regulations, to file forthwith a registration statement and, within thirty days after the expiration of each period of six months, succeeding the first filing, a supplemental registration statement, in the form prescribed by the Act and regulations, setting forth, in addition to other information, a comprehensive statement of the nature of the business of the registrant.

6. On or about the twenty-sixth day of September 1939, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, filed a registration statement with the Secretary of State of the United States at Washington, D. C., in the form prescribed and prepared by the said Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act and regulations, a photostatic copy of which said registration

statement is hereto attached, marked Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full.

7. On or about the twenty-sixth day of September 1939, in the District of Columbia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth in said registration statement a material fact required to be stated therein, that is to say, in response to the requirement in paragraph 11 of the registration form, prescribed and prepared by the said Secretary of State as aforesaid, that the registrant make a "Comprehensive statement of nature of business of registrant", the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth the fact that during the period from July 1, 1935 to and including September 26, 1939, within the United States of America, as a part of his business and activities the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck:

(a). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, divers persons in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(b). Engaged, directly and indirectly, in the placing and disseminating within the United States of oral and written information and matter for publication by writing, editing, preparing and revising speeches, public addresses and written matter pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy, which were thereafter printed and published in whole and in part in books, periodicals, and newspapers, and in the Congressional Record and also were disseminated by means of radio broadcasts; and

(c). Wrote, edited, prepared and revised written and printed matter, articles and essays dealing with political interests, public relations and public policy and caused the same to be printed, published, and distributed in magazines, periodicals and

newspapers under false and fictitious names including among others James Burr Hamilton, George F. Corners, Donald Furtherman Wicketts, William L. Stidger, and Dr. Claudious Murchison, for the purpose, among others, of concealing from the public of the United States the true name and identity of the writer;

contrary to the form of the statute of the United States of America in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

COUNT II.

1. The Grand Jurors aforesaid, inquiring as aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do hereby reaffirm, reallege, and incorporate herein by reference, with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 to 5, inclusive, of Count I of this indictment.

2. On or about the twenty-third day of April 1940, the defendant George Sylvester Viereck, filed a supplemental registration statement with the Secretary of State of the United States in the form prepared and prescribed by the said Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the Act and regulations, a photostatic copy of which said supplemental statement is hereto attached, marked Exhibit "B", and incorporated herein with the same force and effect as though the same were set forth in full.

3. On or about April 23, 1940, in the District of Columbia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth in said supplemental registration statement a material fact required to be stated therein, that is to say, in response to the requirement in paragraph 11 of the said supplemental registration form that the registrant make a "Comprehensive statement of nature of business of registrant," the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth the fact that during the period from September 26, 1939 to and including April 23, 1940, within the United States of America,

as a part of his business and activities the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck:

- (a). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, divers persons in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and
- (b). Engaged, directly and indirectly, in placing and disseminating within the United States of oral and written information and matter for publication by writing, editing, preparing and revising speeches, public addresses and written matter pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy, and which were thereafter printed and published in whole and in part in books, periodicals and newspapers and in the Congressional Record, and also were disseminated by means of radio broadcasts; and
- (c). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, one Prescott Dennett, and divers other persons, in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy, by aiding, abetting and assisting the said Prescott Dennett and divers other persons, in organizing and setting up a certain committee known as and by the name and style of "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee", and by contributing large sums of money for the maintenance of and to defray the expenses of the said committee, it being the plan and purpose, among others, of the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, to use the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee", the said Prescott Dennett and divers other persons, to disseminate, distribute and place certain oral and written information and matter for publication through newspapers, radio broadcasts, periodicals and in other manner in order to influence, persuade, bend and mold American public opinion in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and
- (d). Wrote, edited, prepared and revised written and printed matter, articles and essays dealing with political interests, public relations

and public policy and caused the same to be printed, published, and distributed in magazines, periodicals and newspapers under false and fictitious names including among others James Burr Hamilton, George F. Corners, Donald Furtherman Wicketts, William L. Stidger, and Dr. Claudius Murchison, for the purpose, among others, of concealing from the public of the United States the true name and identity of the writers;

contrary to the form of the statute of the United States of America in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

COUNT III.

1. The Grand Jurors aforesaid, inquiring as aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do hereby reaffirm, reallege, and incorporate herein by reference, with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 to 5, inclusive, of Grant I of this indictment.

2. On or about the twenty-fifth day of October 1940, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, filed a supplemental registration statement with the Secretary of State of the United States at Washington, D. C., in the form prescribed and prepared by the said Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act and regulations, a photostatic copy of which supplemental registration statement is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full.

3. On or about October 25, 1940, in the District of Columbia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth in said supplemental registration statement a material fact required to be stated therein, that is to say, in response to the requirement in paragraph 11 of the supplemental registration form that the registrant make

a "Comprehensive statement of nature of business of registrant", the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth the fact that during the period from April 23, 1940 to and including October 25, 1940, within the United States of America, as a part of his business and activities the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck:

(a). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, divers persons in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(b). Engaged, directly and indirectly, in the placing and disseminating within the United States of oral and written information and matter for publication in that, among other things, the said defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, wrote, edited, prepared, and revised speeches, public addresses and written matter pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy, and which were thereafter printed and published in whole and in part in the Congressional Record and other books, periodicals and newspapers, and also were disseminated by means of radio broadcasts; and

(c). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, one Prescott Dennett, and divers other persons, in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy by aiding, abetting and assisting the said Prescott Dennett and divers other persons in the operation and work of certain committees known as and by the name and style of "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee" and "Islands for War Debts Committee" and by contributing large sums of money for the maintenance of and to defray the expenses of the said committees, it being the plan and purpose, among others, of the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, to use the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee" and the said "Islands for War Debts Committee" the said Prescott Dennett and divers other persons to disseminate, distribute by mail under Congressional franking privilege and otherwise

certain speeches and public addresses delivered on the floor of Congress and elsewhere by present and former members of both houses of the Congress of the United States, and to place certain oral and written information and matter for publication through newspapers, radio broadcasts, periodicals and in other manner in order to influence, persuade, bend and mold American public opinion in matter pertaining to political interests, public relations, and public policy; and

(d). Engaged, directly and indirectly, within the United States of America, in the distributing, disseminating and placing of oral and written information and matter pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy for publication through newspapers, periodicals, manuscripts, books and pamphlets through the medium of a publishing house known as and by the name of Flanders Hall, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, having its principal place of business at Scotch Plains, New Jersey, which corporation and the officers and operations of which the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, financed, controlled and directed and to which he, the said George Sylvester Viereck, furnished manuscripts and other written and printed material for the purpose, among others, of having the said manuscripts and other written and printed material published, printed, sold and distributed by the said Flanders Hall, Inc., and by others, within the United States of America; and

(e). Published, printed, sold, distributed and disseminated and caused to be printed, published, sold, distributed and disseminated by mail and otherwise under the imprint of the said Flanders Hall, Inc., publishers, books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and other material pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy, including in whole and in part translations and adaptations from books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and other matter issued and distributed by and through the DEUTSCHE INFORMATIONSSTELLE, BERLIN, GERMANY, and also books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and other matter written and printed in the United States, including among others the following:

LORD LOTHIAN V. LORD LOTHIAN  
THE HAPLESS BOERS  
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for the purpose, among others, of influencing, persuading, bending and molding American public opinion in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and (f). Wrote, edited, prepared and revised written and printed matter, articles and essays dealing with political interests, public relations and public policy and caused the same to be printed, published, and distributed in magazines, periodicals and newspapers under false and fictitious names including among others James Burr Hamilton, George F. Corners, Donald Furtherman Wicketts, William L. Stidger, and Dr. Claudius Murchison, for the purpose, among others, of concealing from the public of the United States the true name and identity of the writer; contrary to the form of the statute of the United States of America in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

COUNT IV.

1. The Grand Jurors aforesaid, inquiring as aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do hereby reaffirm, reallege, and incorporate herein by reference, with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 to 5,

inclusive, of Count I of this indictment.

2. On or about the 17th day of March 1941, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, filed a registration statement with the Secretary of State of the United States at Washington, D. C., in the form prescribed and prepared by the said Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the Act and regulations, a photostatic copy of which registration statement is hereto attached, marked Exhibit "D", and incorporated herein with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full.

3. On or about March 17, 1941, in the District of Columbia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth in said registration statement a material fact required to be stated therein, that is to say, in response to the requirement in paragraph 11 of the registration form that the registrant make a "Comprehensive statement of nature of business of registrant", the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth the fact that during the period from October 25, 1940, to and including March 17, 1941, within the United States of America, as a part of his business and activities the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck:

(a). Wrote, revised, edited and prepared manuscripts, documents and other written matter, which said manuscripts, documents and other written matter pertained to political interests, public relations and public policy, and which said manuscripts, documents and other printed matter and portions thereof were thereafter printed and published in the Congressional Record; and which said manuscripts, documents and other printed matter were thereafter published in whole and in part by Flanders Hall, Inc.

(b). ~~Consulted, conferred and advised with divers persons in~~ connection with speeches, public addresses, radio broadcasts, manuscripts, pamphlets, books, periodicals and other matter pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(c). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, one Prescott Dennett and divers other persons in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy by aiding, abetting and assisting the said Prescott Dennett and divers other persons, in the operation and work of certain committees known as and by the name and style of "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee" and "Islands For War Debts Committee", and "War Debts Defense Committee", and by contributing large sums of money for the maintenance of and to defray the expenses of the said committees; it being the plan and purpose, among others, of the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, to use the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee", "Islands For War Debts Committee", "War Debts Defense Committee", Prescott Dennett and divers other persons, to disseminate, distribute by mail under Congressional franking privilege and otherwise, certain speeches and public addresses delivered on the floor of Congress and elsewhere by present and former members of both houses of the Congress of the United States, and to place oral and written information and matter for publication through newspapers, radio broadcasts, periodicals and in other manner in order to influence, persuade, bend and mold American public opinion in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(d). Engaged, directly and indirectly, within the United States, in distributing, disseminating and placing of oral and written information and matter for publication through manuscripts, books and pamphlets through the medium of a publishing house known as and by the name of Flanders Hall, Inc.; a New Jersey corporation, having its principal place of business at Scotch Plains, New Jersey, which corporation and the ~~officers and operations of which the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck,~~ financed, controlled and directed and to which he, the defendant, furnished certain manuscripts and other material for the purpose, among others, of having the said manuscripts and other material published, printed, sold

and distributed by the said Flanders Hall, Inc. and by others within the United States of America; and

(e). Published, printed, sold, distributed and disseminated and caused to be printed, published, sold, distributed and disseminated by mail and otherwise, books, pamphlets, manuscripts and other material, including in whole and in part translations and adaptations from books, pamphlets, manuscripts and other matter issued and distributed by and through the DEUTSCHE INFORMATIONSSTELLE, BERLIN, GERMANY, and also books, pamphlets, manuscripts and other matter written and printed in the United States, including, among others, the following:

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for the purpose, among others, of influencing, persuading, bending and molding American public opinion in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(f). Wrote, edited, prepared and revised written and printed matter, articles and essays dealing with political interests, public relations and public policy and caused the same to be printed, published, and distributed in magazines, periodicals and newspapers under false and fictitious names including, among others, James Burr Hamilton, George F. Corners, Donald Furtherman Wicketts, William L. Stidger, and Dr. Claudius Murchison, for the purpose, among others, of concealing from the public of the United States the true name and identity of the writer;

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COUNT V.

1. The Grand Jurors aforesaid, inquiring as aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do hereby reaffirm, reallege, and incorporate herein by reference, with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 to 5, inclusive, of Count I of this indictment.

2. On or about April 25, 1941, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, filed a supplemental registration statement with the Secretary of State of the United States at Washington, D. C., in the form prescribed and prepared by the said Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the Act and regulations, a photostatic copy of which supplemental registration statement is hereto attached, marked Exhibit "E", and incorporated herein with the same force and effect as though the same were herein set forth in full.

3. On or about April 25, 1941, in the District of Columbia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth in said supplemental registration statement a material fact required to be stated therein, that is to say, in response to the requirement in paragraph 11 of the supplemental registration form that the registrant make a "Comprehensive statement of nature of business of registrant", the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly omitted to state and set forth the fact that during the period from March 17, 1941, to and including April 25, 1941, within the United States of America, as a part of his business and activities the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck:

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Congressional Record; and which said manuscripts, documents and other printed matter were thereafter published in whole and in part by Flanders Hall, Inc.

(b). Consulted, conferred and advised with divers persons in connection with speeches, public addresses, radio broadcasts, manuscripts, pamphlets, books, periodicals and other matter pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(c). Advised, consulted and informed, directly and indirectly, one Prescott Dennett and divers other persons in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy by aiding, abetting and assisting the said Prescott Dennett and divers other persons in the operation and work of certain committees known as and by the name and style of "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee", "Islands For War Debts Committee" and "War Debts Defense Committee", and by contributing large sums of money for the maintenance of and to defray the expenses of the said committees; it being the plan and purpose, among others, of the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, to use the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee", "Islands For War Debts Committee", "War Debts Defense Committee" and Prescott Dennett and divers other persons to the Grand Jurors unknown to disseminate, distribute by mail under Congressional franking privilege and otherwise certain speeches and public addresses delivered on the floor of Congress and elsewhere by present and former members of both houses of the Congress of the United States and to place certain oral and written information and matter for publication through newspapers, radio broadcasts, periodicals and in other manner in order to influence, persuade, bend and mold American public opinion in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy; and

(d). Engaged, directly and indirectly, within the United States, in distributing, disseminating and placing of oral and written information and matter for publication in the form of manuscripts, books and

pamphlets through the medium of a publishing house known as and by the name of Flanders Hall, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, having its principal place of business at Scotch Plains, New Jersey, which corporation and the officers and operations of which the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck, financed, controlled and directed and to which he, the said George Sylvester Viereck, furnished certain manuscripts and other material for the purpose among others of having the said manuscripts and other material published, printed, sold and distributed by the said Flanders Hall, Inc. and by others within the United States of America; and

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