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Standing before the court wearing the same gray tweed suit he wore the night a jury pronounced him guilty, Viereck told the judge "I am in a sense a victim of Pearl Harbor."

Reading rapidly, and sometimes tapping the table before him with his fingertips for emphasis, Viereck took up one by one the charges made against him.

He characterized the late Senator Ernest Lundeen (F.L.) of Minnesota, some of whose speeches he was alleged to have written, as "a friend of 20 years' standing."

"I helped polish some of his speeches," he said, "but that is no more than I did in pepping up articles in Liberty Magazine by Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Viereck was returned to the District Jail to await outcome of an appeal to be filed by his attorney, Daniel F. Cohalan, and application will be made for bail pending the outcome of the appeal. Viereck was jailed after his conviction last week. Previously he had been at liberty under bail.

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