

## U-Boat Task

# Nazi 'Rescue' Of Viereck Envisioned

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A Nazi submarine might rescue the German agent, George Sylvester Viereck, if he were let out of jail, government counsel said yesterday in resisting his effort to go free on bond until his appeal from his conviction under the Foreign Agents Act is decided.

Viereck claimed he was only an "author and journalist" when, as was shown in his trial, he operated a radio machine which used even the United States Congress to spread propaganda for Adolf Hitler.

Jailed as soon as he was found guilty, Viereck sought a review by the United States Court of Appeals here and asked to be released until the court acted. He claimed he lacked both the wish and the means to leave the country.

Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge and Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney told the court yesterday that "now, if ever, is the time when appellant (Viereck) would seek to leave the country. Nor is it impossible for him to do so."

"We have a finding by a jury, supported by abundant proof, that he is now and has been for more than 5 years an agent in the pay of the German government. Symptomatic of the value placed upon his services by the German government is the fact that he was paid a salary of more than \$4000 a month for his propaganda activities.

"It is not beyond the realm of possibility, and indeed lies within the definite scope of probability, that the Nazi government would attempt to rescue appellant (Viereck).

### Could Embark on Submarine

"Transportation is not lacking for those whom the Nazi government values so highly. Daily in the press we read of submarines lurking off our shores within reach, and it is not improbable that any one whom the Nazi government chooses to help in escaping from America could embark upon one of these rafts and leave this jurisdiction.

"This country is at war. This appellant (Viereck) who now stands convicted as a Nazi propagandist should not be allowed at liberty to conduct his work against the liberty of the American people."

The Foreign Agents Act required Viereck to give a "comprehensive statement of the nature" of his work for his German employers—who were the official propaganda agency for the German Library of Information and the Munich newspaper *Neueste Nachrichten*, its editors and publishers.

Viereck's lawyers, Cohalan and Morisini, of New York, and Col. O. L. McGuire, Washington, contended that the German agent gave such a "comprehensive statement" when he said he was an "author and journalist."