

# Viereck Case <sup>7-14</sup> <sup>216-43</sup> Expected to Go To Jury Today

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Nazi Germany's Department of State received the reports which should have been submitted to Cordell Hull by German Agent George Sylvester Viereck, Special Federal Prosecutor Albert E. Arent told a District Court jury yesterday as the trial of the ace propagandist neared its end.

Dispassionately, the youthful Justice Department attorney outlined the Government's case against Viereck, emphasizing the point that the defendant sent to Berlin weekly news reports, ostensibly intended for the Munich newspaper which employed him.

## Procedure Called Mask

The procedure was camouflage in its subtlest form, Arent contended, and was indulged in with the sole intention of masking his real position as a trusted promoter of Nazi ideals in this country.

The young prosecutor went into Viereck's financial standing through the years which preceded America's entry into the war, pointing out that in the years before his alleged employment as a Nazi propagandist Viereck had borrowed on his life insurance, "to make both ends meet," and had lost his home by the foreclosure process. All this, Arent pointed out, was before the German coffers had opened, pouring thousands of dollars into the defendant's bank account.

Viereck "used our democratic processes for Hitler's purposes," Arent asserted, citing the 58-year-old defendant's congressional affiliations and the methods by which "he employed a lot of sincere isolationist Congressmen" for his own and Nazi Germany's sinister ends.

## "Crookedly Smart"

Viereck, Arent said, was "crookedly smart in his dealings with the U. S. Government."

Defense Counsel Leo A. Rover, in his closing plea for the defendant, besought the jurors to put aside their wartime prejudices and endeavor to decide the case in the light of the less strenuous years which immediately preceded America's entry into the war.

Rover cited the instance of one prospective juror who, when asked if the fact that Viereck knew Hitler would render him unable to approach the issues

fairly, disqualified himself by answering in the affirmative.

"You ladies and gentlemen who survived that test of intelligence," Rover said, "have qualified yourselves to judge this man under the American ideas of justice which make possible this jury system for which our boys are dying across the seas."

Rover's statement to the jury was interrupted by adjournment, at which time Justice Bolitha J. Laws indicated to would turn the case over to the jury sometime after the opening of court today.