

# Langer Asks Viereck Be Compensated For Defense

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Seeks Senate Probe  
Of 'Persecutor' by  
Justice Department

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Special Dispatch to The Star.

Senator Langer, Republican, of North Dakota proposed a Senate investigation today into the prosecution of George Sylvester Viereck, whose conviction for failure to make complete reports to the State Department on alleged pro-German activities before the Pearl Harbor attack was reversed by the Supreme Court.

Senator Langer told the Senate he would introduce a resolution "asking for a full and complete investigation of this persecution" by the Justice Department and asking appointment of a committee to determine the expense Viereck incurred in his defense with a view toward compensating him for his expenditures as well as for the time he spent in jail.

Senator Langer praised yesterday's 5-to-2 Supreme Court decision reversing Viereck's conviction, saying the court "refused to be carried away by war hysteria." He added that whatever relief Congress may be able to give Viereck will be "inadequate" to "wipe out the wrong that has been done."

It appeared likely that Viereck, who was given a two to six year sentence on his conviction a year ago, would be released from the District Jail.