

Viereck Goes on Trial For Third Time

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Selection of Jury Begun In Alien Agent Case

George Sylvester Viereck, Nazi propagandist, went on trial in District Court today for the third time in 16 months on charges of violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The morning was taken up with the selection of a jury, which will hear the Government's contentions that Viereck failed to list with the State Department all foreign principals he worked for prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor and that he failed to give a comprehensive account of his activities in this country.

Viereck was convicted late in February of last year. The Supreme Court reversed the District Court decision after Viereck had spent a year in jail. The Government received a new indictment and Viereck went on trial a second time, just a week ago today.

A mistrial was declared Wednesday when one of the jurors disqualified herself by addressing Justice Department Attorney John T. M. Reddan during a noon recess. It developed the juror had known the attorney five years ago. The defense, refusing the use of an alternate juror, then moved for a mistrial and the presiding jurist sustained the motion.