Viereck Goes On Trial for Second Time

The second trial of George Sylvester Viereck began in District Court yesterday upon charges that he had failed to register all of his activities as an agent of the German government.

Viereck was convicted in 1941 on the same charges but the United States Supreme Court reversed the conviction on technical grounds.

A jury of seven men and five women was selected in a two-hour court session yesterday morning to hear the case before Justice Bolitha J. Laws.

Questioned Extensively

The jurors were subjected to extensive questioning by Justice Laws, who on common consent of counsel asked questions prepared by the defense.

In his first conviction, Viereck was sentenced to serve 2 to 6 years in prison. He had served approximately one year when the conviction was reversed.

The Government is represented by George McNulty and Albert Arent, special assistants to the Attorney General. Viereck is represented by Leo Röver, former United States Attorney, and John Wilson, former assistant United States Attorney. Both were appointed by Justice Laws when Viereck told him recently he could not afford to hire a lawyer.

McNulty Outlines Case

In his opening statement to the jury, McNulty said that he would prove that Viereck had concealed his association with the German government and the foreign office of that government. He said that he would show that Viereck had constant dealings with the German embassy here and a number of the German consulates.

Jurors were asked if they knew. Dillard Stokes, a former reporter with the Washington Post, now in the armed services, who figured prominently in obtaining the information on which the conspiracy indictments were brought.