

## Court Orders Soldier To Answer Questions At Trial of Viereck

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Justice Bolitha J. Laws, upon recommendation of a representative of the Judge Advocate General's Office, this afternoon ordered Pvt. Prescott Dennett, important Government witness in the trial of George Sylvester Viereck, to testify, following a surprise move earlier in which the witness refused to appear on the grounds that it would violate his oath as a soldier.

Col. Archibald King, hurriedly called by the Government during the noon recess, told the court that under the Articles of War he saw no reason why Dennett could not testify. The witness was then called to the stand.

Dennett, who identified himself as one of the founders of the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, a prewar isolationist group, told the court that the late Senator Lundeen of Minnesota first introduced him to Viereck. The defendant is charged with violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Other founders of the committee, the witness said, were Senator Lundeen, the late Gen. Smedley D. Butler and the late Lynn E. Gale.

Under questioning by Prosecutor George A. McNulty, the witness described Viereck as being in sympathy with the committee but not interested in having his name added to the committee's letter head. Frequently, in answer to questions by the prosecutor, Dennett would reply.

"It's a long time ago—I can't recall that."

Dennett said in answer to other questions, Viereck suggested "financial angels" for the committee. He added:

"But they didn't always flutter."