

Ex-Publisher Says Viereck Subsidized Him

George Sylvester Viereck the German agent, on trial charged with failing to register with the State Department all his activities in behalf of the Nazi government, was pictured as the financial backer and chief customer of the publishing house of Flanders Hall in testimony in District Court yesterday.

Sigfrid Hauck, former president of the now defunct firm, told the court that in 1939 Viereck had arranged to subsidize the publishing and distributing of numerous books and pamphlets. Government Prosecutor George McNulty charged these tracts were violently anti-British and antiwar, and that they sought to influence the American public against war with Germany.

Hauck, who is youthful in appearance and who described his present employment as a defense worker in an airplane factory, told the court that at one time book dealers refused to sell the publications because they believed them to be copies of official German books.

It also was testified that parts of two of the pamphlets, "Lord Lothian vs. Lord Lothian" and "Six Men in War," had been used by the late Senator Ernest Lundeen on the Senate floor and that they had found their way into the Congressional Record.

Otto Borsdorff, for 14 years a receptionist and messenger for the German Consulate in New York, testified Viereck was a frequent visitor to the consulate and that he often delivered bulky packages to Viereck's home. These packages, he said, came from the consul general and were similar to ones he delivered to the Japanese Consulate.

Viereck was convicted on similar charges in 1942 and after he had spent a year in jail the Supreme Court reversed the convictions on technical grounds.