

Russian Testifies In Agents' Probe

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'Mystery Man' Goes Before Grand Jury; New Expose Hinted

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George Japhar Djamgaroff, the Russian mystery man who once got \$50,000 a year as agent of the Dominican Republic in this country, went before the special grand jury on Axis agents yesterday, and was ordered back on the witness stand for further questioning this morning.

Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney said Djamgaroff was regarded as a vital witness in the grand jury's investigation of enemy propagandists and their American stooges who foment disunity and disloyalty. The result of Djamgaroff's testimony in behalf of the Government, Maloney said, will become evident "in due time." He explained that it was too early to answer any questions about details.

Moloney and Prosecutor Lieut. Edward J. Hickey, jr., U. S. N., and John T. M. Reddan called on Djamgaroff yesterday without waiting to hear William Griffin, publisher of the New York Enquirer. Griffin was halted by Justice F. Dickinson Letts last week and the jurist warned him that he would be sentenced for contempt of court if he did not quit stalling the prosecutors who questioned him.

Griffin appeared yesterday with his attorney, Frank Kelley, and was directed to return today.

Djamgaroff is described as a former White Russian officer who came to this country about 20 years ago. He became an interior decorator, went into the realty business and soon was moving in society circles. He made a trip to Europe on a Russian passport.

Returning to America, Djamgaroff became a publicity agent for the opera singer, Ganna Walska. He sued her in 1930 for \$187,000 fees. This was settled out of court.

Djamgaroff set up the ABC News service in 1929, stating that its business was "exposure of Communist activities in the United States." This interest brought him into contact with Representative Hamilton Fish, who has been a witness before the special grand jury several times and whose secretary, George Hill, is in prison for perjury about his work on Capitol Hill for the German agent, George Sylvester Viereck.

Following his employment as a Dominican agent, Djamgaroff organized a goodwill tour of the republic for newspapermen and Congressmen. One of the latter was Fish. The grand jurors yesterday re-



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The Russian Mystery Man

ceived data from G. H. Willms, of the Herald Publishing Co., which prints Gerald B. Winrod's monthly magazine, the Defender, in Newton, Kans. Winrod himself was here several weeks in the early part of the current sedition investigation.