

Jailed for Contempt

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Charles B. Hudson, of Omaha, Neb., was jailed for contempt of court for refusing to tell who printed the seditious card he mailed out in the same envelope with Rep. C. E. Hoffman's speech, "Roosevelt Is a Judas." Hudson made his refusal before the District grand jury now investigating Axis agents. Left to right: Mrs. Charles H. Hudson, wife; William Hudson, son; A. J. Garner, of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. David Stanley, active leader in United Mothers of America.

Editor May 'Sing' Today in Jury Probe of Nazi Propaganda

A change of mind—accasioned by a night spent in the District Jail—is expected to bring Charles B. Hudson, editor of an isolationist and anti-Semitic tip sheet in Omaha, Neb., before Justice Jennings Bailey in District Court today.

Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney said he is prepared to tell Justice Bailey that Hudson no longer is recalcitrant about telling the special grand jury investigating Nazi propaganda the name of the "friend" who supplied the isolationist postcards he mailed out with his weekly America in Danger.

Justice Bailey sentenced Hudson on Thursday to three months for contempt, with 10 days' grace in which to purge himself. Yesterday Hudson, apparently ready to talk, was taken from District jail to the grand jury.

FISH NAMED THREE TIMES

The name of Rep. Hamilton Fish (R., N. Y.) popped up yesterday for the third time in connection with the special grand jury's inquiry when Guenther Sturm, German-born caviar merchant from New York, now a naturalized citizen, told reporters just before being called into the grand jury chambers, he believed he was summoned because "I was sent to Washington by my company to give Rep. Fish \$1000 as a contribution to his work" in the isolationist cause.

A reliable source later indicated that Sturm "told much more than that." Sturm is president of the Romanoff Caviar Co. of New York.

Rep. Fish was reported in New York today and could not be reached for comment.

NAMED IN HILL TRIAL

The first time Rep. Fish's name came up in the investigation was during the trial of his former secretary, George Hill, who is now serving 10 months to two years for perjury.

The second time was during the trial

of George Sylvester Viereck, convicted Nazi propagandist, who now is serving two to six years for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

It was brought out in both trials that Rep. Fish recommended Hill to Viereck. The latter thereafter used Hill as his Capitol Hill agent in sending out free, under congressional frank, thousands of pieces of isolationist and anti-British propaganda.

Eight witnesses appeared before the grand jury yesterday.

One of these was J. Bryan Brooks, assistant cashier of the Riggs National Bank.

WHY HE WAS THERE

All of the witnesses were kept waiting in a special room barred to the public. But the door was open and various persons kept passing by and peering in curiously. As Mr. Brooks described it later:

"There were all those people looking at us. And there I was in the midst of all this. And all the time I kept trying to look smaller and smaller so maybe nobody would notice me and think that maybe I was a Nazi propagandist.

"And I'll be very glad if you will tell people that the guy with the brief case under his arm was me, and that I was there only because the bank frequently gets called in to give evidence about bank accounts, and I'm always the one that gets sent. And it's a pain in the neck to me, because here I've spent two days around that darned court and meanwhile my work is piling up on my desk."