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This Congressman Praised the Nazis

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Fish Parrots Slogans of Nazi Bund to Defeat America

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(This is the second of a series on the leading defeatists in Congress who are running for reelection.)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The people of the 26th Congressional district in New York along the banks of the Hudson River will have an unusual opportunity this August.

They will get a chance to slap down in the Republican primary one of the most consistent spokesmen for the Nazi line in the Congress of the United States—Rep. Hamilton Fish.

For more than 10 years Fish was a close friend of George Sylvester Viereck, the convicted Nazi agent. And Viereck did a good job during that period of selling his disciple on the Nazi

cause of world conquest and enslavement.

To get an idea of Fish's typical oratory, consider his speech of June 14, 1941 to an America First meeting in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

When Fish denounced "the international bankers," his Coughlinites and Christian Front audience got the point and yelled: "The Jews! The Jews!"

Rep. Fish smiled, and added:

"This is a Christian American nation, and we want to keep it both Christian and American. America for the Americans—that should be the cry of the America First Committee."

"America for the Americans" was the slogan of the thoroughly un-American (Continued on Page 2)

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF FOREIGN WARS
 Convention Headquarters, Walton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hon. Hamilton Fish, Chairman</i> <i>Hon. Harold Knutson, First Vice Chairman</i> <i>Hon. John J. O'Connor, Second Vice Chairman</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hon. Samuel B. Pettingill, Third Vice Chairman</i> <i>Walter L. Reynolds, Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Executive Committee, 30 members of Congress and former members</i></p>
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German-American Bund, the Silver Shirts, the Christian Front and similar groups. It was Hamilton Fish's slogan too.

On Aug. 20, 1941, Fish told an America First rally in Philadelphia that if Nazi Germany won the war "her wage scale and buying power will go up and she will buy more of our products" while if she loses her wage scale would go down with a resulting loss in business to this country.

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spirited away mailbags which were being sought in evidence by the Government from Viereck's dummy isolationist committees in Washington.

FISH ALSO ON TRIAL

But the Hill trial was essentially a trial of Fish. This was admitted by Hill's attorney, former Rep. John O'Connor of New York, who was vice-chairman of Fish's National Committee to Keep America Out of Foreign Wars.

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he suddenly saw the light on Dec. 7 and became an ardent supporter of the war effort deserve credence.

It was two months after Pearl Harbor that Fish tried to hamstring the Grand Jury investigation of Nazi agents, and appealed to Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts to prevent prosecutors from questioning Hill so they could get to the bottom of the Viereck prop-

aganda plot.

Fish's voting record on foreign affairs has, of course, followed the straight defeatist line. And despite his occasional claims to being pro-labor, he voted for the drastic Smith anti-strike bill and for the Smith amendments to cripple the Wagner Act.

As ranking Republican member of both the House Foreign Affairs

Committee and the House Rules Committee, Fish is in a powerful legislative position in the House.

Republicans in the 26th Congressional District owe it both to their party and to their country to terminate Fish's career as a Nazi apologist on Sept. 15.

[Tomorrow's article will discuss Sen. C. Wayland Brooks, Illinois appeaser.]

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"It seems obvious to me," Fish said, "that if we crush Germany, Germany will go Communist. The Russian Army will then overrun Europe and Europe will be Communist."

Fish did not think up these Nazi arguments for himself. The big loud-mouthed New Yorker was a good football player at Harvard, but he was never famed for being over-bright.

He got the Nazi propaganda with which he filled the Congressional Record straight from the horse's mouth.

He got the Nazi line right from German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop with whom he conferred in 1939, and whose personal plane he subsequently used to fly to Oslo. After talking to Ribbentrop, Fish proclaimed that the Nazi demands on Poland were "just."

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Soon it became apparent that the shoe was on the other foot. It was Hill who was protecting Fish by stubbornly refusing to talk.

Federal Prosecutor Maloney described Fish as "that windy warrior who cowers in his tent while this poor unfortunate clerk took the rap for shielding him."

On Feb. 19 of this year, Hill appeared as a surprise government witness in the Viereck trial, and spilled the beans. He told the following story:

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A lean, sad-faced man, Hill was described by Federal Prosecutor William P. Maloney as "a poor dupe of a clerk." There is no doubt that Hill was a dupe—Fish's and Viereck's dupe.

Hill is now serving a jail sentence for perjury because he denied to the Grand Jury that he knew Viereck and that he had

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