

Rep. Fish Subpoenaed In Nazi Investigation

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Isolationist Leader to Testify Before District Jury Wednesday

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Representative Hamilton Fish (R.) of New York was subpoenaed yesterday to appear at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday before the special District Grand Jury investigating Nazi propaganda activities in the United States.

The subpoena was served on Fish in his New York office at 111 Broadway by a marshal of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Department of Justice attorneys, who have been conducting the Government's case before the jury, special assistants to the Attorney General William P. Maloney and Edward J. Hickey, confirmed the issuance of the subpoena but would not say what Fish will be questioned about.

Aide Indicted

Fish's name repeatedly has appeared in connection with the investigation and he has several times made speeches concerning it on the floor of the House. He may be asked about:

1. George Hill, a clerk in his of-

ice, who is under indictment on two counts of perjury, and whom Fish has said he is behind "100 per cent."

2. Hill's action in ordering a House mail truck to pick up mailbags filled with franked speeches from the office of the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee which the jury has charged was largely financed by George Sylvester Viereck, indicted Nazi agent.

Accounting Promised

3. Hill's expenditure, according to Maloney, of \$12,000 received from a source he refused to reveal. Maloney has called Hill "the key man in a campaign of distribution of Nazi propaganda in this country which is being masterminded by German agents." Fish promised in a public statement that Hill's attorneys would give a

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full accounting of all moneys he has received and spent, and the Representative called "insinuations" that Hill received the money from subversive sources both "utterly ridiculous and preposterous." In appearing in court, as counsel for Hill, former Representative John J. O'Connor stated that "I might as well be defending Congressman Fish, because this indictment of Hill is ridiculous."

Check Magazine Mail List

4. How mail received by Fish came into the hands of Scribner's Commentator, whose employes used it to make a mailing list along with mail of other isolationist Congressmen, the America First Committee, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin and others, according to testimony of Miss Bessie Feagin, an employe of the magazine, before the District Grand Jury this week.

This mailing list Maloney called a "master list," containing "a good many hundreds of thousands of names" and used to "circulate propaganda material throughout the country." According to Maloney some of this mail was sent post-free under congressional frank and some was sent postpaid.

The editor and publisher of

Scribner's Commentator, George T. Eggleston and Douglas M. Stewart, have also been subpoenaed to appear at the Wednesday session of the jury. Miss Feagin said they came to Washington with her this week and discussed with her the testimony she was to present before the jury on Monday and Tuesday.

To Go on Active Duty

Fish was in New York to make a speech at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. He had originally planned to go on active duty—he is a colonel in the Army reserves—but he obtained a postponement from the War Department in order to be present in the House this week when a vote is taken on the Senate's revision of the Neutrality Act. He will go on active duty November 13 for about two weeks.

Meanwhile, Viereck will be arraigned in the District Court before Justice James W. Morris tomorrow afternoon to plead to three counts of the Grand Jury's indictment charging him with failing to reveal all his activities as a registered Nazi agent in statements filed with the Secretary of State. Two counts of the indictment were quashed by District Court Justice T. Allan Goldsborough last week, but three counts were upheld.