

## On Guarded Corridor

# Rep. Fish's Office Ransacked, Hill, Indicted Aide, Reports

Capitol police last night were still attempting to solve the riddle of who allegedly broke into the office of Representative Hamilton Fish (Republican), of New York, ransacked letter files, and departed, apparently without having stolen anything.

The incident was reported to the police Wednesday morning by George Hill, one of Representative Fish's secretaries, now facing a District grand jury perjury indictment in a Federal investigation of the sources of isolationist propaganda.

Guardroom Clerk Francis Delbalzo investigated, he said yesterday, and found "Hill's desk had been ransacked, papers were turned up-

side down, and a file of letters had been gone through."

"The letters in the files were from all over the country," Delbalzo said. "Nobody knew if anything had been stolen. We haven't received any report of anything missing."

Another clerk of Representative Fish, Walter Reynolds, told Delbalzo he had come to work early and found the office unlocked. When he entered, he said, Hill's desk and files had been searched and left in disarray.

How anyone could have entered was a mystery, it was explained, because guards tour the halls regularly between the hours of 4

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p. m. and 6 a. m., trying all doors. The New York Congressman's door was reported locked all night by the guard on duty, according to Delbalzo.

No one could have entered through the window, as the office is on the fourth floor and there is no ledge.

The matter was reported to Speaker Sam Rayburn who requested the Capitol superintendent of buildings to press the investigation. Representative Fish, now attending maneuvers of the First Army in the Carolinas, also was notified.

Commenting on the story of the robbery, Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney said:

"The Department of Justice knows nothing about it and, if it happened, hopes that the missing material will not, by some coincidence, include

the very papers sought by the special grand jury."

Attorneys for John Sylvester Viereck, who on Tuesday tried unsuccessfully to have his trial for incomplete registration as a German agent moved up from January 12 to January 5, were granted their wish last night. Maloney announced that the trial would start in District Court a week earlier. However, the case will still be heard before Justice F. Dickinson Letts and not before Justice T. Allan Goldsborough as Viereck had desired.