

Hill to Reveal Source of Cash, Rep. Fish Hints

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Brands Preposterous

Insinuation \$12,000

Came From Axis

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Disclosure of the source of \$12,000 allegedly received by George Hill, clerk in the office of Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, appeared likely today after Fish branded "utterly ridiculous and preposterous" insinuations the money came from "subversive sources."

Fish, in a prepared statement, denied insinuations that any money received by Hill came from "Nazi, Communist, Fascist, Japanese, or from Hitler's headquarters near Moscow or Stalin's hideout on the Volga."

Accounting Promised

The isolationist Representative said Hill's attorney, former Representative John J. O'Connor, "has in mind" giving a detailed accounting at Hill's coming trial of "receipts and expenditures made by Hill for sending out congressional speeches, extracts from the Record, and committee hearings."

Special Assistant Attorney General William P. Maloney said when Hill was indicted on a perjury charge by the Grand Jury investigating Nazi propaganda, he was "the key man in a campaign of distribution of Nazi propaganda in this country which is being masterminded by German agents."

Earlier yesterday Hill was granted permission by District Court Justice T. Alan Goldsborough to withdraw his plea of not guilty to the two counts of the perjury charge so that his attorneys could file several motions on his behalf, the details of which they would not disclose.

It is likely, however, that O'Connor will seek to attack the validity of the indictment, a usual procedure in such cases.

It is expected O'Connor will state that the accounting shows the money came from voluntary contributions by various Americans in the anti-war groups and from the receipts of speeches de-

livered by Fish and possibly other isolationists.

Fish's statement said:

"It has been my intention not to make any public statement with regard to charges made against George Hill, a clerk in my office, (not my secretary) as I know that the facts will be fully presented to the court by his attorney, John O'Connor, at the proper time and should not be tried in the newspapers.

"Misleading Statements"

"However, certain false and misleading statements and insinuations have appeared in the press which calls for an immediate denial. I understand Mr. O'Connor, when he appears before the court next week, has in mind going into a detailed accounting of the receipts and expenditures made by Mr. Hill for sending out congressional speeches, extracts from the Record and committee hearings. Official records were kept for all disbursements and distributions, with no thought or attempt at concealment.

"The insinuation that any of this money came from subversive sources, Nazi, Communist, Fascist, Japanese or from Hitler's headquarters, near Moscow, or Stalin's hideout on the Volga, is utterly ridiculous and preposterous."