

Jury Indicts Rep. Fish's Secretary

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Bail Is Fixed at

**\$5,000; Congressman
To Furnish Bond**

Bail of \$5,000 for George Hill, indicted secretary of Representative Hamilton Fish, will be furnished today at 10:30 a.m. by a representative of the New York Congressman, it was said last night by Fish's office.

Hill was indicted for perjury yesterday by a special Grand Jury which has been investigating Nazi propaganda.

The congressional secretary was described as "the key man in a campaign of distribution of Nazi propaganda in this country which is being master-minded by German agents" by William P. Maloney, Assistant Attorney General who is conducting the probe. Maloney said Hill admitted receiving \$12,000 in the past five months from sources which he refused to disclose.

Sacks Found Later

In two counts, the indictment charges that he gave false testimony before the Grand Jury when he denied ordering a House of Representatives delivery truck to call at the office of Prescott Dennett, of the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, to pick up 20 mailbags containing the franked envelopes of isolationist Congressmen. Some of the sacks were found later at the office of the America First Committee here and others were found in a storeroom at the House Office Building used by Representative Fish.

The second count alleges that Hill denied to the jury knowing George Sylvester Viereck, registered German agent now under indictment.

Hill was represented at the arraignment yesterday by former Representative John J. O'Connor, of New York, lone casualty of the Roosevelt "purge" campaign in 1938.

Fish Behind His Aide

Representative Fish was in New York yesterday. He was quoted there as saying he was "100 per cent behind Hill." Fish added that he knew Hill "to be an honest and very reliable person. I have the utmost confidence in his honesty, integrity and patriotism."

O'Connor was bitter when he appeared with Hill before Justice T. Alan Goldsborough in U. S. District Court at yesterday's arraignment.

Intimating that the Federal Government was "after" Hill's employer, O'Connor said:

"I might as well be defending Representative Fish, because this indictment of Hill is ridiculous. It reminds me of aiming at a lion and hitting a rabbit."

\$2,000 Bond Asked

Maloney asked that bond be set at \$10,000, while O'Connor asked the court to set it at \$2,000.

Bond finally was set at \$5,000, and O'Connor complained it would be difficult to reach a number of Congressmen who he said would post bond.

Hill entered a plea of not guilty and left the courthouse with his attorney.

The indictment of Hill followed a few hours the discovery of a pile of burning papers in the alley in the rear of the America First Committee headquarters in the 1700 block Connecticut Avenue Northwest.

The charred papers were turned over to Maloney by Dillard Stokes, reporter for a Washington newspaper, who was subpoenaed yesterday by the Grand Jury and testified before the body for two hours.