

Jury Quizzes

Aide to Fish

Three Hours

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Secretary Questioned

In Investigation of Franked Propaganda

George Hill, second secretary of Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, was questioned for more than three hours yesterday before a special grand jury at District Court as Justice Department prosecutors continued their probe into alleged improper use of congressional franking privileges by Nazi agents.

In addition to Hill, the special jurors heard testimony from Miss Harriet Johnson and Miss Elizabeth Tomae, former office employes of the late Senator Ernest Lundeen (F.L.), of Minnesota, whose franked speeches were among material seized from the Make Europe Pay, and Islands for War Debts committees' offices some weeks ago in the course of the probe.

G.P.O. Aide Testifies

Another witness, Ralph Harris, Government Printing Office aide, also testified at length behind closed doors of a new jury room in the Municipal Court Building placed at the disposal of the special body.

The special jury, which was given an extended tenure when its official term ended October 7, in order to hear all evidence in the investigation of propagandists, had been idle since Friday, when Frank B. Burch, Akron lawyer, was fined \$1,000 and placed on probation after pleading guilty to failing to register with the State Department as a German agent.

Records Were Signed

Hill, as Representative Fish's employe, entered the case when Justice prosecutors seized records of Prescott Dennett, officer of the two isolationist committees. Some bags of the records sought, it was found, had been sent to the America First Committee by Dennett, while Hill is alleged to have sent a truck for six or eight others, which were later found stored in a House Office storeroom.

Hill will again be called to testify for the fourth time today.