

# Fish Aide Obeys Court

## Order to Deliver

### Mail Bags to Jury

*Apr 10/10/44*  
**Sacks Produced Against  
Representative's Advice  
For Nazi Investigation**

A number of mail sacks wanted by a District grand jury investigating activity of alleged Nazi agents were removed from outside a storeroom assigned to Representative Fish, Republican, of New York and delivered to the grand jury before noon today.

Finis Scott, House postmaster, said the delivery was at the written request of George Hill, second secretary to Mr. Fish. In a District Court hearing yesterday Justice T. Alan Goldsborough ruled that Mr. Hill should produce the bags by noon today or explain why not. The deadline was set after William Power Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, declared that Mr. Hill had not complied with a grand jury subpoena requiring him to bring the sacks.

The Justice Department claims these bags came from the office of Prescott Dennett, secretary of Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee. This organization, the department asserts, received contributions from George Sylvester Viereck, a registered German agent who is scheduled to be arraigned here today under grand jury indictment on charges of withholding essential information in his registration with the State Department as an agent of the Nazi government.

Mr. Hill told reporters he could make no comment today, since the grand jury had told him to maintain silence. But Representative Fish reiterated his contention that his secretary could not legally produce the bags, although he might ask the House postmaster to send them over on the postmaster's own responsibility.

Mr. Fish said he advised Mr. Hill that "since the bags have never been in your possession you should not touch them."

#### Disappeared September 19.

The Justice Department contends the bags were among 20 which disappeared from Mr. Dennett's office at 1430 Rhode Island avenue N.W. on September 19, a few hours after Mr. Dennett was ordered to appear as a grand jury witness.

Mr. Fish said Mr. Hill sent a House of Representatives truck on that morning to pick up 500 copies of Fish speeches, at Mr. Dennett's suggestion. The truck came back loaded with mailbags which Mr. Hill refused to accept, according to the Representative. It is some of these which were found outside Mr. Fish's locker, he believes.

Mr. Fish today called attention to the fact that the bags have now been lying unguarded and unlocked for weeks.

#### Could Move Evidence.

"If any one wanted to stuff those bags with grand jury evidence, he has had every chance to do it," Mr. Fish said. "And if anybody wanted to take evidence out of those bags, there has been nothing to stop him during these weeks."

He recalled that from the first discovery of the bags outside his locker, he has invited the Justice Department to come and take them away. Department officials have indicated several times that they were on the point of doing so, but they have not, on the grounds that they have no authority to remove mail from a House storage room.

Mr. Fish suggested this morning that the proper person to be subpoenaed was the truck driver who, he said, placed the bags on his own responsibility. Investigator Maloney ridiculed this suggestion, telling a reporter that the bags "were in the possession of Fish, and Hill did order where they should be stored."