

Still Has the Stock

Fish Says He Merely Acted For Trujillo in Oil Stock Deal

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Representative Hamilton Fish admitted last night that he got a secret \$25,000 from the Dominican dictator, Gen. Rafael L. Trujillo, in 1939 and that he did not report it to the income tax authorities until a few weeks ago.

But Fish pictured himself as the general's friendly go-between in a wildcat oil deal. He said he didn't make any money, but lost two or three thousand dollars of his "own."

Fish is the ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which handles all legislation affecting foreign governments, including that of the Dominican Republic, where General Trujillo is the army commander, the President off and on, and the head man all the time.

"No representative of the Internal Revenue Bureau has approached me to discuss this credit of \$25,000," said Fish, who then explained that, three years after the deal, it was he who approached representatives of the Internal Revenue Bureau. He claimed two revenue agents, in Washington and another in Albany—he said he could not remember their names—told him he did not have to file an income tax return on the \$25,000, because, he claims,

he was only an agent for General Trujillo.

"But I decided to do it any way" Fish told The Post, "and I filed it in the form of a letter to the Internal Revenue Department." Fish said this was two months ago, when he "heard all these stories about how they were going to investigate some of these public officials on their income taxes."

The income tax authorities look to Fish to explain his failure to report the \$25,000 in 1939, when he got it, and negotiations will be resumed after the New York primary election Tuesday, in which Fish hopes Twenty-sixth District Republicans will nominate him for Congress again.

Fish told The Post he "didn't know" about these negotiations and had "no definite appointment."

"I was acting merely as an agent, in connection with some oil speculations," said Fish.

After he got the \$25,000, Fish paid about \$8400 to the Nepaug Oil Co., Houston, Tex., and its president, David D. MacDaniels. This was for stock, which Fish admitted last night he bought in his own name and no

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in the name of General Trujillo, for whom he says he was acting. When asked why, he said:

"Because I was acting as agent. It's generally done that way, and I don't think General Trujillo wanted it in his name."

"Why not?"
"I don't know. I didn't ask him. It's just not done that way, that's all."

Fish attacked Trujillo on the floor of the House in 1937, calling the alleged massacre of several thousand Haitians by Dominican soldiers an "outrageous atrocity." But a year or so later, Fish's old friend, George Jamhar Djamgaroff, the White Russian mystery man, got a \$50,000 a year job as Trujillo's agent.

After this Fish had a change of heart, went to the Dominican Republic on a goodwill trip arranged by Djamgaroff and was the principal speaker at a New York banquet when Trujillo returned the visit in July, 1939.