

Jury's Actions Indicate Probe Of Fish-Trujillo Deal

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The questioning of a second former press agent for the Dominican Republic suggested yesterday that the special grand jury on Axis agents had turned its attention to the secret \$25,000 which Representative Hamilton Fish got from the Dominican dictator in July, 1939.

Summoned two months ago was ~~George F. Fisher, Diamondoff~~, a mystery man of Russian origin, who once got \$50,000 a year from the Dominican government.

The man who appeared yesterday was Ray Helgesen, 4420 New Hampshire Avenue Northwest, who has also been on the payroll of the Latin nation. Special Prosecutor John T. M. Reddan would not say why Helgesen had been called, but said he was due to be back before the grand jurors on Friday.

"Mr. Helgesen," said Reddan, "may be able to give very interesting information."

Fish, who is the ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, got the \$25,000 three years ago from Gen. Rafael L. Trujillo, who is the boss of the Dominican Republic. This was just a few days after Fish publicly hailed Trujillo as the creator of a golden age in the island country, and less than two years after he had de-

nounced Trujillo as a bloody-handed dictator.

Now under way is an investigation of Fish's failure to report the money when he filed his income tax return for 1939. He answered disclosure of the deal with the claim that he did not have to report the \$25,000 item because he was just an agent for Trujillo in a wildcat oil speculation. He said he made nothing, but lost \$2000 or \$3000 of his own.

Besides hearing Helgesen yesterday, the special grand jury followed the trail of 28 alleged conspirators through the books of half a dozen New York banks and business houses.

The 28 were indicted on July 21, accused of conspiring both before and since Pearl Harbor to corrupt the loyalty and the morale of the armed forces. Named by the grand jurors as tools of the conspirators were 28 organizations and 30 periodicals.

The conspiracy was alleged to have operated on a Nation-wide basis. These operations took money, traces of which are still being sought by the grand jurors.

Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney is expected to rejoin the investigation Friday.