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Fish Leaving Court After Visiting Hill

Representative Hamilton Fish leaving Supreme Court yesterday after visiting his former secretary, George Hill, convicted perjurer, in the cell block after the latter was recalled for grilling by the Grand Jury investigating prewar Nazi propaganda.

Fish Grilled by Grand Jury, Seeks Leniency for Hill

Convicted Perjurer Also Faces Probers; New Yorker Makes Plea to Justice Letts

George Hill, congressional clerk convicted recently of perjury, was again brought before the special grand jury investigating prewar activities of Nazi agents yesterday and the development caused his former boss, Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, to visit District Court.

While Hill was being questioned, Fish spent an hour in the chambers of Justice F. Dickinson Letts. The latter last Friday sentenced Hill to serve from two to six years after his conviction for having given false testimony to the jury.

Urges More Leniency

The New York Congressman asked the jurist if more lenient treatment could be accorded Hill, it was learned, and also inquired into the legal proprieties of his being brought back before the investigating body after being convicted.

On the latter inquiry, it was understood he was told that once a defendant had been convicted and given into custody of the mar-

shal's office he is under jurisdiction of the Attorney General. The court thereafter has no power over the prisoner's whereabouts unless a pertinent motion is filed.

Certain Conditions

Hill, it was understood, yesterday gave indications of being willing to undergo further questioning before the jury, and the development aroused speculation as to whether the "proposition," hinted

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at during his trial, would be effected in case he "tells all" to Government attorneys handling the grand jury probe.

When sentenced, Hill told the court he understood there had been a "proposition" between opposing counsel, and it was later learned there had been a consultation whereby probation for him had been sought on certain conditions.

Representative Fish, who earlier in the day himself was a witness before the grand jury in a so-called "secret session," conferred with Hill in the cell block for 45 minutes after leaving Justice Letts' chambers.

Following the visit from Fish, Justice Letts presided at a court session at which Prosecutors William Power Maloney and Edward J. Hickey jr. and the grand jury brought Prescott Dennett before the bench on a charge of failing to answer questions before the jury and generally being evasive.

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Dennett, alleged to have been the "tool" of George Sylvester Viereck, Nazi agent now facing trial for violation of the Foreign Agent Registration Act, freely answered questions of his attorney, O. H. Osterman. When questioned by Letts, he admitted he had received some \$800 from Viereck in payment for propaganda work.

Letts finally gave the opinion Dennett was attempting to impede progress of the jury's probe and warned him the court would take action if he maintains his "frivolous" attitude in future questioning.

Representative Fish was questioned for more than two hours before the grand jury early in the day, departing at approximately 11 a.m. when he left through a rear door of the witness room. It was understood the jury convened at 9 a.m. rather than the customary 10:30 a.m.