

# Hill, Found Guilty, May Hear Sentence Week From Today

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Thinks Counsel Correct  
In Calling Case 'Smear'  
Of Representative Fish

Representative Fish's second secretary, George Hill, was locked in District Jail today—convicted on both counts of a perjury indictment returned against him by a grand jury which was investigating Nazi activities in America. He commented:

"I've lived through hell."

A maximum of 20 years' imprisonment may face him when he is sentenced by Justice F. Dickinson Letts. District Court officials indicated this would be done probably a week from today.

Mr. Hill said he thought one of his attorneys, John J. O'Connor, former member of the House from New York, was entirely correct when he termed the entire case a "smear" of Mr. Fish.

"I was born and raised in Mr. Fish's home district," the 45-year-old clerk said. "They didn't put a case against Reynolds (Walter L. Reynolds, first secretary to the Representative) because he's from Arkansas."

Hill has a wife—no children. During the World War he served 18 months with combat divisions in France, being injured by gas and shrapnel, according to his office.

About three weeks ago Mr. Hill decided that, though under indictment, he desired—in the light of what happened at Pearl Harbor—to enlist in the Navy. He was turned down.

The two charges on which Mr. Hill was convicted—carrying a penalty of from 2 to 10 years—were that he lied to the grand jury when he denied knowing George Sylvester Viereck, registered German agent, and falsified again when he said he did not order certain mail bags placed in a storeroom assigned to Representative Fish. These bags, filled with franked speeches of Senators and Representatives, had disappeared from the office of Prescott Dennett, secretary-treasurer of isolationist committees here which the Government claimed were subsidized by Viereck. One of these was the Islands for War Debts Committee.