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HAMILTON FISH SR. AND THE POLITICS OF AMERICAN NATIONALISM

The following overview is provided for readers to more easily navigate to chapters of the text relevant to accusations made against Hamilton Fish III (see: desmondfishlibrary.org/hfiiiresponse). For a comprehensive picture of the man and his era, a reading of the full work is recommended.

Chapter 4 Spartanburg and Chapter 5 Maggots of Pacifism cover Fish's experiences in the First World War.

Chapter 7 Halukka covers Fish's work with the Zionist movement and advocacy for the setting aside of Palestine as a homeland for Jews.

Chapters 9-11 cover the formation, conduct, and conclusions of Fish's Special Committee to Investigate Communist Activities in the United States, known popularly as the Fish Committee, and its lasting influence on Fish's relationship to Black and Jewish communities.

Chapter 12 I Earnestly Deplore explores Fish's isolationism in practice; includes Fish's early thoughts on Nazi Germany and his comments on Albert Einstein.

Chapter 13 Any Power recounts the history of the contentious relationship between Fish and FDR.

Chapter 17 Wrong Side of the Wishbone covers the lead-in to the 1940 election, including Fish's relationship to Jewish groups and home and abroad, his appearance at a controversial 1938 "German Day" rally at Madison Square Garden, and his participation in condemning German actions on Kristallnacht.

Chapter 18 Hysterical Internationalist concerns his opposition to Roosevelt's interventionism, and his early associations with Nazi agents George Viereck and Friedrich Auhagen.

Chapter 19 The Great Poo-Bah covers Fish's trip to Europe in 1939, including his visit with Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, his efforts to participate in discussions about Danzig, and his observations and concerns about the position of Jews in Nazi Germany.

Chapter 20 Martin, Barton, and Fish concerns Fish's attempt at securing the Presidential nomination in 1940 and describes Fish's position in public opinion.

Chapter 22 Fish on the Hot Seat covers the franking scandal. Details investigations of Fish by the offices of Army Intelligence, Naval Intelligence, the FBI, the Treasury Department, and the Department of Justice.

Chapter 23 Fish on the Hook covers Fish's defeat in the 1944 Congressional election.