

STOUT NEARLY CAUSES A RIOT AT FISH RALLY

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MONTICELLO, N. Y., Nov. 2—Rex Stout, novelist, invaded a Republican rally in Grange Hall tonight and nearly caused a riot when he demanded the right to question Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican candidate for reelection. Mr. Stout had previously spoken at a near-by Democratic rally.

Mr. Fish was answering charges that he had abused the Congressional "franking" privilege with Nazi propaganda when a voice from the audience asked the right to ask a question, saying he was "Rex Stout."

"I know you," shouted Mr. Fish to the author. "The Dies Committee investigated you. You are a Communist and are more dangerous to America than Earl Browder."

"Liar," replied Mr. Stout.

The more than 300 persons in the hall demanded that the novelist be ejected. A policeman informed him that he was "exciting a riot" and asked him to leave.

Waving a bundle of papers, Mr. Stout declared that he "had the evidence."

"I don't want anything to do with you—you Communist," Mr. Fish yelled, and the audience shouted "Throw him out."

Mr. Stout had no opportunity of putting his question and left in high dudgeon.

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