

McCarthy Doubtful in Dodd Case

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Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) indicated yesterday he doesn't think the Senate Ethics Committee should try to judge whether Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) should have paid taxes on the proceeds of fund-raising dinners.

McCarthy is a member of the six-member Select Committee, which announced Friday it will hold public hearings on the relationship between Dodd and Julius Klein, a Chicago public relations man.

Speaking on "Face the Nation" (CBS, WTOP), McCarthy said he does not think the law "is quite as clear as it ought to be" regarding the tax status of funds raised for elected officials at dinners such as those tendered Dodd.

Close associates of Dodd have said the money was a gift and not taxable. The Internal Revenue Service is investigating the matter.

Asked whether he thinks the Committee should get into the matter of the funds raised for Dodd, McCarthy said "we should not allow ourselves to prejudge the conduct of the Senator by standards which have not been defined."

Asked if he thinks the aver-

age Senator can live on his \$30,000-a-year salary, McCarthy said, "I would think that on the average I would say that it is not enough."

McCarthy said he supple-

ments his Senate salary with lecture fees and the proceeds from receptions given for him in his home state.

McCarthy said a possible solution would be a law establishing procedures by which

money to supplement the salary of a member of Congress could be raised in his home state. Such a law, he said, could provide for accounting of where the money came from and how it was used.