

Don't know if you see Parade. Sheinbaum was the probably inadvertent funnel by means of which "Rose" and all the evil he was to carry got to Ramparts and thence to Garrison. Whether he or others arranged for Garrison's appearance at the Hutchens Center I don't know. They would not earlier talk to any critic. When I wrote H that this clearly is a subject that should be part of any study of democratic institutions he seemed embarrassed. But did nothing. I met Sheinbaum when he was running for office and we were both in the studios of KHL-TV, I think both in different segments of the Tempo show. He just refused to talk. That was the end of October 1968, right before the elections. Some of his quotes... I guess the "wealthy liberals" are as they were, most likely to attach themselves to causes from which they can get the kind of "liberal" personal publicity they want for a reward. Please return for my

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# What It Costs To Defend Yourself Against the Government

by Lloyd Shearer



Sheinbaum with his wife Betty. He ruefully points to the unlimited money at the government's disposal while the defense fund is "still about \$75,000 in the hole."

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**W**hy should any man spend almost two years of his life and much of his own wealth raising \$900,000 for the Pentagon Papers Legal Defense Fund?

That's approximately how much it cost to defend Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo. And the man who raised that amount is Stanley K. Sheinbaum, 52, a tall, bearded former Michigan State University economics professor.

Sheinbaum, of Santa Barbara, Calif., married for the last nine years to Betty Sperling, a daughter of movie mogul Harry Warner, says, "I became involved with the defense team, because it seemed to me that the case represented some major principles: Do the American people have the right of access to studies they pay for? Do they have the right to see papers which have been improperly and arbitrarily classified? Do they have the right to know as much truth or as little truth as their government chooses about a war into which they poured their blood and treasure? Are men who make the truth available to the American public guilty of espionage? If a man copies papers which have been made available to him so that he can give them to a member of Congress, does that constitute theft?"

## 20,000 contributors

"These were some of the first-time questions which intrigued me, so I became involved in seeing that Ellsberg and Russo were granted a fair trial. A fair trial costs money in this country, and more than 20,000 individuals contributed to the Pentagon Papers Legal



Defendant Daniel Ellsberg and wife with Stanley K. Sheinbaum, ex-economics professor who has raised

\$900,000 for Pentagon Papers Legal Defense Fund. "I got involved," he says, over "major principles."

Defense Fund. I raised money through mass mailings and got about 40 percent that way. The remainder came through cocktail parties, dinners, lectures, a Barbra Streisand entertainment dinner, and from the defendants themselves. Ellsberg and Russo contributed about \$75,000 to the fund by making speeches and writing articles. That \$75,000 covered about one month's expenses. And remember, the indictment against the defendants was issued on July 1, 1971. That's a long time ago.

### Wealthy opponent

"People just don't seem to realize how much it costs to defend themselves when the government moves against them. The government, of course, has limitless funds and almost limitless personnel to employ. I would guess the Pentagon Papers trial cost the government close to \$3 million. It's really impossible to tell. Maybe more, maybe less.

"Who knows how many FBI men they used on the case and for how long, or how many clerks, or how many transcripts they ordered? One day's transcript costs about \$180. A good lawyer

costs about \$50 an hour.

"All five attorneys defending Ellsberg and Russo contributed much of their own time for nothing. Right at this moment we owe Leonard Boudin, one of Ellsberg's lawyers, about \$60,000. We're still about \$75,000 in the hole.

"Tony Russo twice appealed to the court to grant him pauper status so he could get some government financial assistance in paying for transcripts and witness expenses, but the judge ruled against him.

### Liberals hold back

"For a while I thought we might get some wealthy liberals to come across with \$50,000 at a crack, but we had no such luck, except with Ellsberg's wife; she contributed about \$100,000 by borrowing on her trust funds." [Mrs. Ellsberg is the daughter of Louis Marx, founder of the Marx Toy Company who refused to contribute a dollar to the defense. He is an avowed conservative and close friend of Pentagon officials and generals.]

Sheinbaum, who is an expert on international finance and engages in long-

term arbitrage, plans to spend the next three months with his wife on a small island, Gilo, off the west coast of Italy, on which they own a home.

"After two years of running my fanny off," he says, "I believe I deserve it. Working for a cause and a principle carries its own rewards, but it sure is tiring as hell. If I had to do this all over again I'd probably commit suicide."