

Dodd Case Hurts Two Candidates

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Never before in history have two candidates definitely run for Vice President of the United States. Customarily



they run for President—with, of course, the private resolve that they will settle for Vice President. For bargaining reasons, however, they do not announce this in advance

Pearson In the upcoming presidential election, despite the fact that it is two years off, two men are definitely running for Vice President. They are:

1. Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrat, who is running for renomination because he can not and will not try to shove out President Johnson for top place.

2. Sen. Jacob K. Javits, the New York Republican whose name is frequently linked with that of Gov. George Romney of Michigan. Javits is the most prominent Jew in Republican politics and would like to be the first member of his faith to become Vice President.

Both Humphrey and Javits have had fine records in the Senate. Both are liberals, both are somewhat garrulous, sometimes considered softies, and both have been hurt by the recent Dodd-Klein investiga-

tion. When all the facts are out, their wounds may prove mortal.

Gushing Letters

When Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) insisted on reading into the record the senatorial letters written to Gen. Julius Klein, the registered West German agent and Chicago public relations wire-puller, it turned out that among the most verbose letter writers were Humphrey and Javits. They gushed. They gushed so vociferously that either they were inexcusably naive or else they must have been hand in glove with a man whose promotion of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for President and whose espousal of other right-wing causes were directly opposite to their avowed liberalism.

Javits's brother Ben not only has announced that he will act as attorney for Klein, but Sen. Javits wrote an amazing letter to Klein no later than April 21 of this year, endorsing him in the controversy over the \$75 million U.S. arms contract to Rheinmetall of Dusseldorf, despite the fact that this former Nazi company had paid no restitution to Jewish victims of its slave labor camp.

This is a point on which American Jews feel deeply. Gen. Klein represents Rheinmetall. Yet Sen. Javits wrote a letter to Gen. Klein, coming to his rescue at a time when the Jewish War Veterans

were about to kick him out. The date of the letter, April 21, was long after this column had revealed Klein's unique relationship with Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.).

Hubert's Letters

Vice President Humphrey's letters made him look equally gullible. Not only did Humphrey write long personal letters to a man who he knew was a paid West German agent, but he gave Sen. Dodd permission to go to Germany at the height of the 1964 battle over civil rights. When Sen. Humphrey was floor leader for the bill, Dodd was one of his section managers, and every vote was needed to break the Southern filibuster.

On top of this, the Vice President, two weeks ago, right in the middle of the Senate Ethics Committee investigation of Sen. Dodd's trip to Germany on behalf of Gen. Klein, wrote him another letter confirming the fact he had given him permission to go to West Germany.

Humphrey's excuse now is that he did not know Dodd was going to Germany on behalf of Klein, which is understandable; second, that he did not write the recent letter absolving Dodd. It was written by an assistant—which is not understandable. Men who want to be President do not sign that kind of letter.

On top of all this, it is now learned that the kindly Humphrey has bailed out Dodd be-

fore. When the State Department appointed delegates to the International Conference on Juvenile Delinquency in 1965, it passed over Sen. Dodd, Chairman of the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Committee.

Whereupon, the obliging Humphrey was persuaded by Dodd to write him a letter stating that it would be a good idea for him to attend the Stockholm conference. Sen. Dodd then sent the letter to Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who obliged by authorizing free transportation and the use of counterpart funds by Dodd for his trip abroad.

Sen. Dodd then arranged to have a boyhood friend, Leo Grills of Alexandria, appointed as a consultant, with the State Department paying his way. Together they went to Stockholm—at Government expense—stayed a few days only, then met Mrs. Dodd, who was already in Lisbon, for a grand tour of Europe.

Traveling on counterpart funds supplied by American Embassies in different cities, it cost the Senator and his party almost nothing, all thanks to the kindness of Vice President Humphrey.

Friends close to the Vice President say that it is this desire to be obliging, his yearning to be loved, that may prevent him from ever becoming President.

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