

Senate Unit Sets Inquiry On Dodd

Ethics Committee To Air Charges Of Misconduct

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The Senate Committee on Standards and Conduct yesterday ordered public hearings on charges of misconduct against Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.).

They will be restricted initially to the question of whether Dodd improperly advanced the interests of Julius Klein, a registered foreign agent for clients in West Germany.

No dates for the hearings have been set and no witness list has been announced.

Theft Charged

Dodd said he welcomed the Committee's decision. "These hearings," he said, "will demonstrate to my own constituents and to the American public not only the malicious untruth of the charges made against me, but also the systematic theft of documents from my office and the motivations of those who conspired in that theft."

The inquiry into Dodd's affairs is the first Senatorial investigation of a member's conduct since 1954, when Sen. Joseph McCarthy was judged guilty of misconduct and was censured by his colleagues.

Dodd's difficulties arise from a series of charges by columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson: That Dodd promoted Klein's interests and received favors from Klein in return; that Dodd diverted campaign funds to his own personal use and paid no taxes on them, and that Dodd improperly opposed U.S. policy in the Congo several years ago in collaboration with a propagandist,

Michael Struelens.

Committee Members

After these charges were printed, Dodd requested the Committee to look into them. The chairman is, Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.). The other members are Sens. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah), A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.), Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), and James B. Pearson (R-Kan.)

Dodd and Klein have conceded that they are old friends and that Klein has contributed money to Dodd's political campaigns. Additionally, spokesmen for Dodd have said that the Senator occupied on a half-dozen or so occasions a

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suite maintained by Klein in the Essex House in New York. It is possible that Klein has also contributed \$1000 to one of Dodd's testimonial dinners, according to the Senator's associates.

For his part, Dodd has, on occasion, put into the Congressional Record at Klein's request reprints of speeches or articles dealing with West German affairs.

Pearson and Anderson, however, have charged that the Senator has delivered speeches ghostwritten by Klein and that he interceded with Klein's West German clients after Klein had come under fire for his activities as a foreign agent.

These and related matters will be explored at the Committee's public hearings. Dodd, "has been informed of the substance of the complaint he will face as to the Klein matters," the Committee announced.

The most serious charge against the Senator involves his use of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 raised at "testimonial" dinners in 1961, 1963, and 1965.



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His associates have said these were gifts to the Senator and that he paid no income taxes on them. Anderson and Pearson claim they were campaign funds that he diverted to his personal use.

The Internal Revenue Service has begun its own investi-

gation into Dodd's financial affairs and it is possible that the Committee on Standards and Conduct will conduct hearings on this phase of the affair.

The Committee said yesterday it will decide later "what further hearings to hold."