

# Dodd, Agent Skirt Act's Intent

By Jack Anderson

Secret correspondence between Sen. Tom Dodd, (D-Conn.) and Gen. Julius Klein, the registered German agent, goes to the heart of why the Foreign Agents Registration Act was passed.

When Sen. William Fulbright, (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of which Dodd is a member, started his probe of foreign agents, Dodd got extremely nervous. He spent many a weekend in Klein's suite at New York City's fashionable Essex House, while the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was investigating Klein's lobbying operations. Despite this hospitality, Dodd got so nervous when Committee investigators discovered that Klein had asked him to sponsor a resolution supporting German reunification that he rushed a letter to Chairman Fulbright.

"General Klein's letter was never answered, and the resolution referred to was not introduced by me," wrote Dodd on Oct. 9, 1963. "I think it appropriate that my reply to you be made a part of the official record."

## Klein Sputters

It took several weeks for

Klein to discover how coldly he had been treated by his friend. Sputtering with rage, he dictated a letter to Dodd on Nov. 29.

"My dear Tom," Klein began. "I am now looking through the printed report of the Fulbright hearing, and nothing shocked me more than your letter of Oct. 9.

"While I will not object to your taking this position as far as the subject of the resolution is concerned, even though it is not based on facts, you and I had discussions about it and corresponded about it . . .

"Now there is one thing I object to in your letter to Senator Fulbright and that is your last line: 'I think it appropriate that my reply to you be made a part of the official record.' You did not even add a few remarks about our personal friendship so that there should be no reflection on me . . .

"No one knows better than you my activities in Washington.

"I asked you to be present at the executive session (of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee). You promised me the night before that you would attend—but you were not there. I wired you to be present at the public hearings—you were not there either.

"What are you afraid of? Do you consider friendship a one-way street? All I can say is I am ashamed of you. With

this, Tom, I close the chapter for good."

## Dodd Repents

At this Dodd repented.

"I am now and have been deeply distressed about my letter to Fulbright," he apologized on Dec. 9. "No one thinks more highly of you than I do, and no one believes more strongly in you than I."

Dodd claimed the offending letter had been written by an aide. Chastened by Klein's wrath, he sent Fulbright an addendum attesting: "I have known General Klein for many years, and I consider him to be a man of sterling character and of great competence. In addition, he is one of the most patriotic Americans I have met, and he is dedicated and devoted to the best interests of our country."

This won Klein's full forgiveness, though he was dismayed to find that the letter was not included in the final transcript of the Fulbright hearings.

"Because of this omission," he wrote later to Dodd, "I suggest that you insert your letter in the Congressional Record, with appropriate remarks. This should give you an opportunity to say a few extra words."

Klein reciprocated a few months later by writing a letter to Jewish voters in Connecticut, urging Dodd's reelection.

"When some unwarranted attacks were made on me, Senator Dodd—without being

asked—was right there in my corner," Klein declared unabashedly. "A friend in need is a friend indeed—and Connecticut and the Nation have such a man in Senator Dodd."

There were also private words of appreciation for Dodd alone.

"I am sorry about our misunderstanding," wrote Klein on Dec. 17. "Your letter to Fulbright demonstrated not only integrity but also courage for which I am deeply grateful."

He went on to say that the Senate investigation had cost him a \$50,000 contract, not to mention two other options that hadn't been renewed.

"Now the next question," he added, "is what should be done? After you have read this, and the enclosures, let's discuss the matter on the phone."

Klein had a definite remedy in mind, and it involved Sen. Tom Dodd. This story will be told in another column.

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## French Get Moscow Job

PARIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—A French company announced today that it has signed an agreement with a Soviet organization for the construction of a garbage-disposal and processing plant for Moscow. The French Triga Co. said the plant would be the largest of its kind in the world and cost about \$3.6 million. The plant will have a daily capacity of about 600 tons.