

Campaign Loan Suit Is Clouded

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(AP)—An attorney for political contributor Walter Thomas Duncan says other parties have agreed to absolve all or part of the \$200,000 debt a Washington, D.C. bank has filed suit to collect from Duncan.

The National Bank of Washington has filed suit in state court here seeking to recoup \$200,000 it says Duncan owes it because of a promissory note he signed May 31, 1971.

Days later, other records show, Duncan contributed a like sum to the subsequently unsuccessful campaign of Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In affidavits on file in the suit, Duncan claims he never received the \$200,000 the bank says he borrowed, and he says he does not own 10,000 shares in Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., which a promissory note says was collateral for the loan.

An affidavit filed by one of his attorneys, Henry Haltom of Houston, also claims another agreement exists which makes other parties besides Duncan responsible for all or part of the debt.

Attorneys for the bank have said Haltom could have a copy of the agreement if he would not make public its contents, the Haltom's affidavit says.

Duncan, now of San Antonio, contributed \$305,000 in the form of a personal note to President Nixon's campaign after Humphrey lost the Democratic nomination, records show.

"Observers have noted the chief executive officer of Archer-Daniels-Midland is Dwayne A. Andreas of Minneapolis, a close personal friend of Humphrey," said The San Antonio Express in its account of the latest developments in the suit.