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Humphrey Campaign Loan at Issue

Judge Studies Andreas Case

MINNEAPOLIS, July 8 (AP) —A federal judge today agreed to consider a government case against a Minneapolis financier after a defense attorney said a \$100,000 loan in the 1968 presidential campaign of Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) was not morally or ethically wrong.

U.S. District Court Judge Edward J. McManus said he would issue a decision as soon as possible in the government's case against Dwayne Andreas, a soybean magnate charged with using corporate funds to make a \$100,000 loan to Humphrey's 1968 campaign.

The government opened its case today by contending that the loan by First Interoceanic Corp. to Andreas was the source of a \$100,000 political contribution to Humphrey in 1968.

Defense attorney Edward Bennett Williams told the

court that Andreas had secured a "good faith" loan from First Interoceanic to make the loan and repaid it a few days later. "What they did here was not morally or ethically wrong," he said.

He said the government was trying "to stretch a criminal statute" to prosecute what was a legal business transaction.

"It was Andreas who would have been out, not the corporation, if the Humphrey campaign had not repaid the loan," the defense attorney said.

Andreas is charged with four misdemeanor counts of making illegal corporate contributions. Each count carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and \$1,000 fine. He pleaded innocent to all counts.

The corporation also is charged with four counts of violating laws against corporate



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contributions. Maximum penalty is \$5,000 fine for each count.