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**Ex-Aide to Humphrey Is Guilty
In Milk Co-op's Campaign Case**

By The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Aug. 12—The former press secretary of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrat of Minnesota, pleaded guilty today to charges of aiding and abetting illegal corporate donations to political campaigns by milk producers.

Norman Sherman, the former press secretary, and Jack Valentine, his business partner, who also pleaded guilty, each posted a \$1,000 personal recognition bond in United States District Court here. Each man faces a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Judge Edward J. Devitt ordered the probation office to conduct a presentence investigation.

Mr. Sherman and Mr. Valen-

time were named in a criminal information by the special Watergate prosecutor's office. It said the two men aided and abetted the use of money from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., to purchase computer-mail lists used in Mr. Humphrey's 1972 campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination and in a number of other Democratic campaigns, including that of Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota.

Both Senator Humphrey and Senator Abourezk have said that they were unaware of the nature of the contributions.

Mr. Sherman was Mr. Humphrey's press secretary when

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the Minnesota Democrat was Vice President. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Valentine later formed a computer mail company with offices in Minneapolis and Washington.

Mr. Valentine and Mr. Sherman have said that they accepted the corporate money on legal advice from Senator Humphrey's campaign manager at the time. Jack L. Chestnut, a Minneapolis lawyer. Mr. Chestnut invoked the Fifth Amendment provision against self-incrimination and refused to testify about the incident before the Senate Watergate committee.

The charge, filed July 30, accused the Associated Milk Producers — the nation's biggest dairy-farmer cooperative — of using \$82,000 in corporate money to buy the computer lists from the Valentine-Sherman company.

According to the Government complaint, the money was given to Mr. Sherman and Mr. Valentine from July 19 to Dec. 21, 1971, for voter lists in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and other states in the Middle West.

The lists were used only in political campaigns and did not give any business benefit to the co-op.



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