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**Inouye Election Unit
Pleads Guilty on Gift
From Steinbrenner**

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — A political committee that raised funds for the 1974 re-election campaign of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, pleaded guilty today to failing to report \$5,650 in contributions from the American Ship Building Company.

United States District Court Judge George L. Hart Jr. suspended sentence for what he said was a technical violation of campaign contribution laws.

The money in question went to a committee known as "DKI for '74" and was returned after rumors that George M. Steinbrenner 3d, board chairman of American Ship building, was under investigation for illegal campaign contributions.

Mr. Steinbrenner, who is also a general partner in the New York Yankees baseball teams, was fined \$15,000 by a Federal judge after pleading guilty earlier this year to make illegal campaign contributions to former President Richard M. Nixon and several members of Congress, including Senator Inouye.

Bowie Kuhn, the Commissioner of Baseball, also suspended Mr. Steinbrenner from active participation in the management of the Yankees for two years.

According to Thomas Mc Bride, an Assistant Special Prosecutor, the money came to Mr. Inouye's campaign in several checks during July and August of 1973. Papers filed in connection with the case indicate that the money was returned Sept. 24, 1973. The committee violated the law by failing to report the contribution to the Secretary of the Senate.

Judge Hart said that while the money should have been returned immediately instead of it being deposited in the committee's bank account the violation, nonetheless, was inadvertent.

Watergate prosecutors said the money was contributed in connection with a fund-raising dinner for Mr. Inouye held Aug. 3, 1973. The treasurer for the dinner was listed as K. Harry Tokushige.

No other officers of Inouye's fund-raising organization were named.

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