

How the GOP Aided Radicals

Sacramento

An investigation by Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. into charges that Republicans helped finance candidates with the left-wing Peace and Freedom party has turned up apparent "violations of law," it was learned yesterday.

Tom Quinn, Brown's deputy, said that "at a minimum" the alleged violations involved "failure to report campaign expenditures and contributions."

Quinn declined to disclose details of the findings, declaring the investigation was still under way.

Earlier in the day, the Peace and Freedom party's former state chairman detailed how the organization had received financial support from the Republicans in the 1972 elections.

John Haag said "I was rather surprised at the time at the degree of interest they were taking.

"Of course they were doing it" as a tactic. Obviously they were motivated by purposes of their own, but it seemed kind of ironic since most people felt that if anyone would give to our campaign it would be the liberals rather than the moderates or conservatives."

Haag estimated the party had received about \$1200 from Frank DeLong, an employee of the Assembly Republican Caucus, to help the Peace and Freedom party with voter registration drives and find Assembly and Congressional candidates in key districts.

Haag said the districts involved were those where close races were expected between the democratic and Republican candidates. The Republicans "obviously" wanted to siphon liberal Democratic votes from the regular party nominee to the Peace and Freedom candidate, he said.

Haag said DeLong called him in the spring of last year, and paid for roundtrip air fare from Los Angeles to Sacramento for Haag and two other party activists.

DeLong met him at the Sacramento Airport, Haag said, furnished him with a car, credit cards and between \$100 and \$150 in cash for expenses.

The purpose of the trip was to qualify Charles Vail as the Peace and Freedom

party candidate in the 10th Assembly District. Vail eventually ran third behind Democratic winner Daniel Boatwright and GOP nominee Warren Boggess.

Haag said the party also got \$500 specifically for "leaflets, buttons and bumper stickers, and a couple of hundred or so for telephone bills and travel."

Haag, asked if DeLong had indicated where the money came from, replied:

"His story was, he indicated that he was getting it from individual Republicans."

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