

Andreas Found Not Guilty

MINNEAPOLIS, July 12 (AP)—A federal judge today found Minneapolis financier Dwayne O. Andreas innocent of making an illegal contribution to the 1968 presidential campaign of Hubert H. Humphrey.

Judge Edward J. McManus filed his verdict in Minneapolis federal court, finding that Andreas was not guilty of violating the federal statute prohibiting corporate contributions.

The government had charged that Andreas violated the law on four counts—contributing a total of \$100,000 in \$25,000 increments.

It claimed during the month of October, 1968, Andreas il-

legally withdrew the money from First Interoceanic Corp.—a firm of which he is chairman—and sent it to the Humphrey campaign committee in Illinois. Humphrey, then was Vice President; he has since returned to the U.S. Senate.

Government attorney Charles Ruff claimed that Andreas had "reached into the corporate till."

However, the defense contended that Andreas took out a loan from his company and deposited the funds in his own checking account to make the loan to the campaign.

Edward Bennett Williams, defense attorney, argued that Andreas was liable for the loans if they were not repaid

and that the firm had been his source for borrowing for a long time.

Williams contended it is not illegal for a citizen to borrow money and use the funds for a political contribution.

Williams pointed out that when the campaign organization repaid the \$100,000 to Andreas, he also repaid the money to the corporation.

McManus, a special judge from the northern federal district of Iowa, heard the case without a jury. Since the facts in the case had been stipulated to by both sides, there were no witnesses and McManus heard only the conclusions.