

Political Handouts For Both Sides

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BY BOXING standards, 5-foot-5-inch, 140-pound Dwayne O. Andreas is a bantam weight.

But in politics, he's a heavy who plays both sides of the street with greenbacks.

The 54-year-old Minneapolis multi-millionaire soybeans, grain, banking) and his wife, Inez have been financial backers and intimates of Democratic senator and former vice president Hubert Humphrey for 25 years.

For the last 12 of those years the brainy, low-key Andreas, a former Iowa farm boy, has quietly warmed up to Republican Clark MacGregor. The latter lost to Humphrey for the Senate in 1970 and now heads President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Despite his political clout and business success, Andreas had operated inconspicuously until his \$25,000 secret gift to Nixon was uncovered in the Miami bank account of one of the Watergate "bugging" suspects.

Andreas is "greatly embarrassed by the circumstances which have plunged him into the thick of a headline GOP scandal," said a Minnesota source.

"That will teach him to give money to Republicans" Humphrey cracked. He hasn't heard from Andreas since the story broke.

Andreas' troubles multiplied when it was revealed that he recently obtained a new bank charter with unusual speed in circumstances termed "very suspicious" by House banking and currency chairman Wright Patman.

Until the ruckus Andreas had been regarded in Washington circles as a Humphrey Democrat. However, his Minnesota friends say they knew of his two-way politics.

"I have been told Dwayne

contributed \$500 to Nixon in 1968," Humphrey said. That was the year Andreas served as national finance chairman in Humphrey's presidential race.

At the recent GOP gala, Colorado Senator Peter Dominick and his wife were in the select group of nine chosen to sit at Pat's table, along with the MacGregors, the Andreas, New York Governor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller and television personality Art Linkletter.

Within a few days Dominick was caught up in the embarrassment when it was revealed that the Colorado senator's office had shown an interest in Andreas' bank application. Dominick is chairman of the GOP senatorial campaign committee.

In the Senate campaign of 1970 both Humphrey and MacGregor took Andreas' money. They claim now they knew he was "independent."

Mrs. Rhoda Lund, until recently GOP national committeewoman for the state, describes him as "intelligent, serious-minded and ethical." She sits on the Board of the National City Bank of Minneapolis, of which Andreas controls about 85 per cent of the stock.

Andreas' interests give him a stake in federal actions which his two Minnesota senators, coincidentally,



CLARK MacGREGOR
Growing support

are in a good position to assist. Humphrey serves on the agriculture committee, Walter Mondale on banking and currency.

Andreas and his brother Lowell parlayed a small Iowa farm and country elevator into a soybean processing, grain and banking complex. In the early days they mixed feed at night and peddled it in the daytime. Dwayne's net worth is \$10.9 million, as found in his latest bank application.

Dwayne and Inez are transported in a limousine equipped with mobile telephone. They shuttle between home in a posh Minneapolis suburb, a Manhattan apartment, and the Seaview Hotel (Andreas is part-owner) in fashionable Bal Harbor, Fla.

As far as can be determined, Dwayne and his dollars are still welcome in both political camps.