

The Humphrey-Muskie Ticket

Illegal '68 Gifts Charged

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Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox filed criminal charges against the First Interoceanic Corp. and Dwayne O. Andreas yesterday for illegally contributing \$100,000 to the 1968 Democratic presidential ticket.

Cox charged in an eight-count criminal information filed at Minneapolis, Minn., that the company contributed \$25,000 in corporate funds to four organizations: to the Illinois Citizens for Humphrey and Muskie, the Illinois for Humphrey for President club, the Illinois Salute to Humphrey and to Illinois Friends of Humphrey. Andreas was named because he is board chairman and the responsible officer.

Cox charged that all of the contributions were made between Oct. 21, 1968 — two to three weeks prior to the November 5 election in which President Nixon defeated Senators Hubert H. Humphrey and Edmund S. Muskie.

BUGGING

An Andreas check for \$25,000 was given to the Nixon re-election campaign in early 1972 and wound up in the bank account of Bernard L. Barker, who later pleaded guilty for his part as the foreman of the Watergate bugging team.

Cox' staff declined to say how it uncovered the 1968 Humphrey-Muskie contribution. It was believed investigators discovered it as they looked into Andreas' 1972 gift to Mr. Nixon.

Cox' mandate does not ex-

tend to the 1968 election, but a spokesman said they had sought and received specific permission from Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson to file the charges before the statute of limitations expired this weekend.

First Interoceanic Corp. is now known as Independent Bancorporation.

FIRMS

The charges were the fourth which Cox filed this week against corporations for campaign finance violations. Wednesday, American Airlines, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M) each pleaded guilty to contributing a total of \$125,000 in company money to the 1972 Nixon campaign.

Federal law prohibits corporations, labor unions and

national banks from making direct political contributions. The penalty for violation is a maximum \$5000 fine on each count.

For individuals involved, violation of the law is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of a year in prison, a \$1000 fine or both on each count.

A spokesman for Cox said that the statute of limitations would have run out on the 1968 Humphrey-Muskie contribution tomorrow.

Court officials in Minneapolis said Andreas is expected to plead to the charges November 5 before U.S. District Judge Earl R. Larsen. Andreas was reported to be in China negotiating a soybean contract and it was not known immediately if he was aware of the charges.

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