

Dash Leads Hill Aides in Honorariums

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Senate Watergate committee lawyers Samuel Dash and Fred W. Thompson topped Senate staff members in 1973 fees and honorariums received for speeches and articles, Senate records show.

Dash, chief counsel to the Watergate committee, earned \$14,840, in honorariums while Thompson, who heads the GOP staff on the committee, earned \$8,450. Mike Pertschuk, chief counsel of the Senate Commerce Committee, was a distant third at \$2,300.

Pertschuk says he gave \$1,300 of the total to the Washington Ethical Society a humanist congregation.

Meanwhile, late reports filed by six senators who missed the May 14 reporting deadline pushed the total earned by all 100 members of the Senate in 1973 from speeches and articles to \$1,084,229. This compared with about \$600,000 for 1972.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) remains the honorarium leader with \$65,650. In the late filings, Henry Bell-

mon (R-Okla.) said he had earned nothing. Marlow Cook (R-Ky.) listed \$17,550. Clifford P. Hansen (R-Wyo.) listed \$1,500. Thomas J. McIntyre (D-N.H.) received \$6,550. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) earned \$16,000. William B. Saxbe (R-Ohio), now Attorney General, filed a report showing \$14,950 in 1973 receipts for speeches and articles while a senator.

Although few people are aware of it, Senate staffers are permitted outside earnings, and many pick up extra money for speaking engagements. However, they need

not report if they earn less than \$300.

The records show that Dash and Thompson, aided by the wide publicity and public interest in the Watergate committee investigation, picked up substantial amounts for their speaking engagements, largely from academic or legal audiences.

Thompson's report shows, for example, \$1,500 from the State University of New York, \$1,100 from Fairleigh Dickinson University and \$1,500 from the Connecticut Bar Association.