

\$100,000 Campaign Gift To Humphrey Is Legal

Andreas

Minneapolis

A federal judge yesterday found Minneapolis financier Dwayne Andreas innocent of making an illegal contribution to the 1968 presidential campaign of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, (D-Minn.)

Judge Edward J. McManus filed his verdict in Minneapolis Federal Court, finding that Andreas was not guilty of violating the feder-

al 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 illegally withdrew the money from the First Inter-oceanic Corp. — a firm of which he is chairman—and sent it to the Humphrey campaign committee in Illinois.

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

Judge 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.

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