

Humphrey Ex-Aide, Business Partner To be Charged in Milk Fund Case

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Norman Sherman and Jack Valentine, partners in a voter canvassing firm, will be charged by the Watergate special prosecutor with aiding "nonwillfully" in the illegal use of corporate funds from a milk cooperative for political purposes, a misdemeanor.

Sherman is a former press secretary for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Sherman and Valentine are expected to plead guilty. They have cooperated fully with Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

The formal charge, sources close to the case said, will be filed in federal court in St. Paul early next week. It is expected that the special prosecutor will allege that the firm, called Valentine Sherman & Associates, aided Associated Milk Producers Inc. in using \$82,000 in corporate funds in 1971 to buy computerized voter lists for use by Demo-

cratic candidates in Iowa, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Some of the money was used for lists provided to Humphrey.

Because Sherman and Valentine cooperated voluntarily, the special prosecutor's office is expected to recommend leniency in U.S. District Court, which could mean the partners would receive only a nominal fine.

Although the partners declined comment, sources close to the case said that they had expected to be

TV Schedule For Hearings

Channels 7 and 26 are scheduled to telecast today's session of the House Judiciary Committee debates on the articles of impeachment, beginning at 10 a.m. Radio stations KLMD (900), WTOP (1500) and WETA-FM (90.9) will broadcast the hearings.

paid from the dairy cooperative's political arm, but the first check, for \$25,000, which arrived in July, 1971, was drawn on a corporate account. They reportedly were assured by their attorney, Jack Chestnut, who was Humphrey's campaign manager, that they could legally accept the money after they told Chestnut the cooperative planned to use the lists for commercial purposes. But Chestnut has reportedly denied giving such advice.

The arrangement between the partnership and the cooperative was apparently negotiated in the spring of 1971 with the milk group's general manager, Harold Nelson, and its lawyer, David L. Parr. Parr pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of conspiring to make illegal corporation donations to the campaigns of Humphrey and Rep. Wilbur Mills, (D-Ark.), and others. Parr pleaded guilty to arranging an illegal corporate gift amounting to \$222,450, including \$150,450 to Humphrey.