

# Aide Guilty In '70 Gift To Humphrey

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NEW YORK, May 8 — The former campaign manager for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, (D-Minn.) Jack L. Chestnut, today was convicted of willfully soliciting and accepting an illegal corporate contribution from a dairymen's cooperative during the senator's 1970 campaign.

Neither Chestnut, a 42-year-old Minneapolis lawyer, nor his wife, Karen, who was present in court throughout the trial, showed any emotion at the verdict.

A jury found Chestnut guilty of soliciting and accepting a \$12,000 corporate contribution in June, 1970, from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., based in San Antonio, Tex.

He was also accused of attempting to conceal the contribution by making it payable to the New York advertising firm of Lennen & Newell, now defunct.

The firm handled Humphrey's publicity in the 1970 campaign as well as in 1968 when he ran unsuccessfully for President.

Judge Edward Weinfeld scheduled June 26 for sentencing. Chestnut faces penalties of up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Defense lawyer Douglas Thomson, of St. Paul, said he would appeal.

Humphrey was the leadoff prosecution witness when the

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trial began on Monday. He testified he sought AMPI's support in 1970 and knew from reports that the dairymen's cooperative had made contributions to his campaign.

He said he had no personal knowledge of AMPI's contributions nor how much was involved.

Humphrey, despite the objections of assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene Bannigan, referred to Chestnut as a "highly respected lawyer," and a "man of good reputation."

The senator said he primarily concerned himself with campaign strategy and left the details of soliciting contributions and paying bills to Chestnut.

Chestnut testified it was his understanding the money was from the political fund and nothing was ever said to him to make him think otherwise.

In Washington, Humphrey said, "I am disappointed in and saddened by the verdict. Jack Chestnut is a decent and an honorable man and a highly respected attorney. I continue to believe that he did not knowingly violate the law." Humphrey added, "My heart goes out to him and his family."

In all, the government claimed, the Humphrey cam-



JACK L. CHESTNUT  
... accepted dairy funds

paign five years ago was enriched by \$35,950 in under-the-table contributions from the 22-state dairymen's cooperative.

But Chestnut was indicted last Dec. 26 only in connection with two \$6,000 checks that the co-op put up to pay Humphrey campaign bills with Lennen & Newell.

In the 1970 election, Humphrey regained the Senate seat he had left to serve as Vice President under Lyndon B. Johnson.