

Senate Committee Asks Censure for Dodd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee unanimously recommended yesterday the censure of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, accusing him of financial misconduct which "tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

Defiant and insisting he is innocent, the Connecticut Democrat said he will fight the charges, stay at his post in the Senate, and run for re-election in 1970.

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.) pronounced in the Senate the judgment of the six member committee, which he heads. Dodd listened in silence. After 14 months of investigation that process took six minutes.

Now the white-haired Dodd's fate is in the hands of the Senate itself, the Internal Revenue Service and the Justice Department.

Key Findings

The bipartisan committee—three Democrats and three Republicans—based its recommendation on these two key findings:

• That the Connecticut senator used at least \$116,083 in politically-raised campaign and testimonial funds "for his personal purposes."
• That Dodd billed both the Senate and private organizations for seven trips he made between 1961 and 1965.

It criticized, without censuring, his relationship with Julius Klein, an agent for West Germany business interests. And it said the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service should consider "possible violations of law" in Dodd's financial maneuvers.

At the heart of the 27-page report was the resolution of censure Stennis presented to the Senate. It declares: "Resolved, that it is the judgment of the Senate that

the senator from Connecticut, Thomas J. Dodd, for having engaged in a course of conduct over a period of five years from 1961 to 1965 of exercising the influence and power of his office as a United States senator, as shown by the conclusions in the investigation by the Select Committee on Standards and Conduct.

"To obtain and use for his personal benefit, funds from the public through political testimonials and a political campaign, and;

"To request and accept reimbursements for expenses from both the Senate and private organizations for the same travel.

Sen. Dodd Equates Censure, Condemnation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) said yesterday he does not think it would have made any difference had the Senate Ethics Committee chosen to recommend that the Senate condemn him instead of proposing censure.

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"Deserves the censure of the Senate; and he is so censured for his conduct, which is contrary to accepted morals, derogates from the public trust expected of a senator, and tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

Stennis said the Senate should make its decision within a reasonable time and forego debate on Dodd's conduct until the resolution is made its official business.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said Dodd will be given time to prepare his rebuttal before the resolution is debated on the floor.

Mansfield said he does not know when that will be. But there was Senate speculation that it will be taken up

a week from Monday.

"I won't take me very long," Dodd said. "I want to prepare a detailed and a complete answer."

"I have done nothing wrong," he said. "My conscience is clear."

Should the Senate approve the resolution — which requires only a majority vote — Dodd will become the fifth man in its history to be formally censured or condemned by the body.

Censure would not strip him of seniority or impose any specific penalty. The punishment would consist of whatever stigma might be attached to a censure resolution — in the minds of colleagues, the voters and the general public.

McCarthy Foresees Passage

Dodd would not forecast whether the Senate will adopt the resolution but a committee member, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), predicted it will. Dodd said he will make his defense from the floor and will not approach individual senators to seek their support.

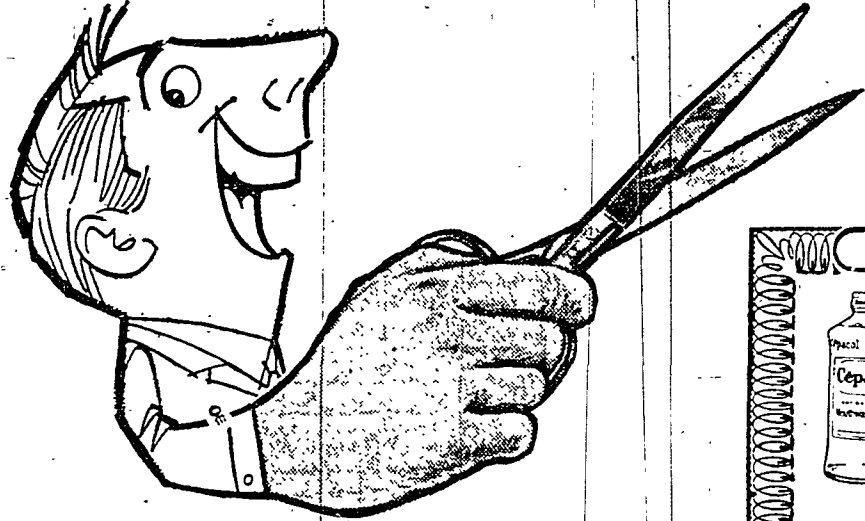
Dodd criticized the committee, accusing it of judging him on hindsight because there were no established rules of conduct for senators.

Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah), vice chairman of the bipartisan committee, said expulsion from the Senate would have been too severe a course.

Exclusion was the course chosen in the House, in the case of Adam Clayton Powell.

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"We will be able to send a teletype message in the morning for a book we need and have it delivered by the commuter plane that evening," according to W. Carl Jackson, director of libraries for the University.

At the same time, he added, if any of the libraries in Washington have need of a volume which the University library possesses they too can take advantage of the new "flying books service."

The program was officially initiated with ceremonies this afternoon at the National Airport in Washington.

Participants included Mrs. Orville Freeman, wife of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; George L. Mehren, assistant secretary of Agriculture; Foster M. Mohrhardt, director of the National Library of Agriculture; Mrs. Blanche Oliver, assistant director for programs with the National Library of Agriculture; Leland H. Bull, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture; Russell E. Larson, dean of the College of Agriculture at the University and Jackson.

Involved are the University library, and the National Libraries of Agriculture, Medicine and Congress in Washington.

"Actually, Penn State has been exchanging books for years with the three Washington libraries through the Inter-Library Loan system, but up until now the process has often taken as much as two or three weeks," Jackson said.

Faculty members in need of a book not in our library had to have the request sent to one of the Washington libraries. By the time the book was finally received, days or weeks often had elapsed.

Johnson Joins Fight To Save Education Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson joined the fight yesterday to save his landmark federal aid program for elementary and secondary schools by accusing Republican critics of a "reckless effort to rewrite our laws for partisan political advantage."

House Democratic leaders, meanwhile, put off again, until at least the week after next, consideration of the measure. They appear to be uncertain about the strength of a GOP drive to restructure the legislation to transfer major control to the states.

Angry floor debate broke out with Democrats accusing the Republicans of trying to resurrect the church-state issue, which helped block federal school aid until 1965. Republicans denied the accusation.

"Only the Beginning" — The gains we have so far are only the beginning," he added.

"We must build on them. But we must not lose all we have gained by this reckless effort to rewrite our laws for partisan political advantage."

"Taking aim at Republicans' repeated revisions of their plan," Johnson said, "No one can tell for sure how they plan to change the law. Each day they trot out a new version. But already they have accomplished a great deal."

"They have stirred up the suspicions of the poor states, toward the wealthy states. They are reviving ancient and bitter feuds between church and public school leaders."

Catholic Opposition — Roman Catholic school leaders have said they oppose the Republican plan despite Democrats' efforts to divert aid from the needy school districts which are the private schools.

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