

# IT'S UNANIMOUS

The President's Commission on Civil Disorders, Senator Eastland's Judiciary Committee and Senator McClellan's Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee have all declared that there is no evidence of national conspiracy behind the riots in 137 cities. McClellan is still investigating with the \$150,000 that Congress gave him last August to investigate the riots, and says he wants "to reach meaningful conclusions." His conclusions can be better determined after LBJ picks his next appointee to the U.S. Supreme Court. Another vacancy is expected very soon, and LBJ has let it be known that appointment to the high tribunal will go to the Southland. Both Senators Eastland and McClellan have let their good friend LBJ know that they would like to retire on the Supreme Court.

# JUNIOR LOUSE WANTS ALL

Defense Secretary "Mack - the - knife" McNamara has happily been awarding juicy contracts to favored air cargo lines to haul supplies to Vietnam, including Airlift International, Inc. Columnist "Junior Louse" Jack Anderson owns 700 shares and was a director of Airlift International. In 1963, when Anderson was put on the board of directors, handed a block of shares and retained to do a public relations job for the air line then known as Riddle Airline, the firm was on the brink of bankruptcy; at that time the company reported revenues of \$17.3 million with a net loss of \$1.3 million. In fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, the company reported revenues of \$69 million with net profit of 6.1 million for the year — double the profit of the previous year.

73% of the company's business is now government contract work. Anderson was able to wangle some lucrative ocean and air mail hauling contracts while Drew Pearson's step-son, Tyler Abell, was Assistant Postmaster General. Upon assuming the Presidency, LBJ immediately appointed Abell to this high level policy job as a personal favor to old Drew. Anderson was already cultivating good contacts in the Postoffice Department but the Presidential appointment of old Drew's stepson made contracting simpler.

The Pearson-Anderson team have been champion defenders of Bob McNamara. And Anderson's Airlift International has been lifting some fine contracts at the Pentagon. On July 1, 1967, the Military Air Command (MAC) signed a contract with Jack's firm for \$22.4 million for transporting personnel and cargo to Vietnam. Already 56% of the firm's business was with MAC.

But Junior Louse wants it all. Anderson has been blasting the CIA for subsidizing Air America and Civil Air Transport for hauling its cargo to Thailand, Laos and Cambodia instead of awarding its contracts to Airlift International. What Anderson did not appreciate was that General Charles P. Cabell, former Deputy

Director of the CIA, was a director of the air line. Also, the CIA-favored airlines had some good, strong Wall Street connections that Anderson found hard to buck. It was disclosed in the Bobby Baker investigation before the Senate Rules Committee that Anderson had billed Baker \$16,000 for a chartered plane to transport a group of Congressmen and Senators to Las Vegas to attend a fund raising dinner for Senator Howard Cannon (D-Nev) at the Sahara Club, where the drinks were on the house at this notorious casino owned by gangster pals of Hank Greenspun and Anderson. The Civil Aeronautics Board fined Airlift International the minimum fine of \$750 for hauling the free-loading Congressional junketeering lawmakers at cut rate for Bobby Baker. (Chartered rates are uniform to prevent unfair competition.)

Airlift International, now operating on a global basis since Anderson started promoting business, is currently under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Among other things, the SEC is trying to find out who really holds controlling interest in Airlift International. At one time Anderson had a newspaperman in West Virginia hold part of his stock holdings for him. At that time Anderson feared that he might be bounced out of the Capitol Press Gallery for conflict of interest since he was lobbying for an air line, blasting a competitor and supposedly writing impartial news stories and making purportedly objective newscasts via radio and video tape.

Senator Tom Dodd (D-Conn) and other victims of Anderson's "conflict-of-interests" allegations knew about his own conflict-of-interests predicament but were reluctant to have "Junior Louse" kicked out of the Capitol Press Gallery.

# FIERCE FACE

The long smouldering friction between President Johnson and the Democratic state Congressional and Senatorial committees is now coming to a crisis. LBJ is keeping all the money collected by the Democratic National committee and his President's \$1,000 Clubs are not divvying up funds with the hard-pressed Democrats up for reelection next year. Previously, he used to toss them a few dollars as a token of his good-will if they "behaved themselves" and implicitly obeyed his legislative mandates.

LBJ apparently feels he needs all the money he can get for his upcoming '68 campaign. He has initiated the biggest slush fund ever and he is not parting with a dime.

Eight years ago, the National Committee and the House and Senate campaign committees of the Democratic Party agreed the national committee would handle all fund-raising.

Under the arrangement, the national was to supply each congressional committee with \$10,000 a month operating cash, plus lump sum payments totaling more than \$500,000 a year to 60 candidates. But LBJ

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