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CAMPAIGN FUNDS PAID A DODD FARE

Records Indicate His Office Settled Plane Bill He Said Coast Group Covered

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WASHINGTON, July 25—The mystery of how many times Senator Thomas J. Dodd was reimbursed for air fare to California in February, 1964, deepened today.

The Connecticut Democrat denied last Friday published reports that he had charged a round-trip flight he made to Los Angeles on American Airlines to both the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency and the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. The cost of the flight was \$320.78.

Mr. Dodd said the billing to the Jaycees was for his wife's fare. The chamber, he said, "had expressed the hope that Mrs. Dodd would accompany me on the trip." Mr. Dodd was the principal speaker at an installation banquet of the chamber on Feb. 27.

Conducted Drug Inquiry

Senator Dodd said his Washington office had "evidently assumed that Mrs. Dodd's air transportation would be paid by the chamber."

His fare, he added, was paid by the subcommittee in connection with his investigation of drug addiction and interstate shipment of firearms.

However, despite this explanation, records indicated that Mrs. Dodd's fare was paid by the Senator's campaign account in Connecticut. (He was a candidate for re-election in 1964.)

The number of Mrs. Dodd's ticket was 016232353428. It was purchased on Senator Dodd's personal air credit card in the airlines office of the

Capitol on Feb. 26 for a flight on the following day.

In a bill submitted by American Airlines to Senator Dodd on March 24 in the amount of \$961.06, one of the items included in the total, under date of Feb. 27, is the \$280.72 for Mrs. Dodd's flight.

That month's total was carried over and included in the April bill, totalling \$1,243.80.

On May 2, Michael V. O'Hare, then in charge of the Senator's office accounts, sent Edward F. Sullivan, in charge of Mr.

Dodd's Hartford office, a list of expenses to be paid out of the Senator's campaign account. One of the items was the April bill of American Airlines for \$1,243.80.

\$1,324 Was Paid

A May 22 bill from American Airlines shows a credit of \$1,243.80, paid on May 8.

The Senator also charged to the campaign account the fare of James Gartland, a political aide, who accompanied him and Mrs. Dodd to Los Angeles. The number of Mr. Gartland's ticket was 016232353496.

While the Senator was in California, he made a side trip to Sacramento to talk to Gov. Edmund G. Brown about—among other things—a plan of the Frouge Corporation of Bridgeport, Conn., for a high-rise development in Marin County across the Golden Gate. Thomas Frouge, a legal client

of Mr. Dodd, had been seeking the Governor's support.

Mr. Dodd charged the fares of himself and Mr. Gartland from Los Angeles to Sacramento—a total of \$43.78—to both the Frouge Corporation and his Connecticut campaign account.

Last Friday Mr. Dodd said he was assured, after making inquiry, that "no expenses for this trip [to California] were paid from my campaign funds."

Writer Tells of Payment

Meanwhile, Edward B. Lockett, a Washington free-lance writer, said in a telephone interview today that he had been paid in checks issued by the "Dodd Testimonial Committee" for \$8,000 worth of work on a book in 1964 that Senator Dodd planned to publish under his name.

Mr. Lockett said that four or five days before Thanksgiving

in 1963, the Senator proposed paying him \$18,000, in monthly installments of \$2,000, for two books on Communism. One of these was to be a "quickie" campaign book and the other longer and "more philosophical."

Mr. Lockett said he told the Senator that it "did not make sense" to do two books and that "anyway I can't do a book in three months."

The Senator, Mr. Lockett continued, agreed on one book and said, "This won't be a campaign book."

By June, 1964, Mr. Lockett said, he had finished 40,000 words—about one-third of the book—when he learned from Mr. Dodd that the publisher was not happy with the manuscript. Mr. Lockett said he was not surprised because he had told the Senator he had no new material.

"The Senator said, 'I'll see you in three or four weeks,'" Mr. Lockett said. "That's two years ago and I haven't heard from him since."

He said he had never learned the publisher Mr. Dodd had been dealing with.

Mr. Lockett said that the amount he received between January and August totaled, to the best of his recollection, \$8,000, although he could account for only \$6,500 from his deposit slips.

All the checks, he said, came from the Dodd Testimonial Committee in Hartford.