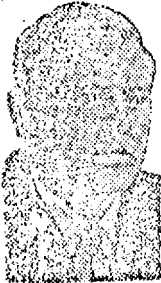


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Sen. Dodd and Julius

WHERE the trial of Sen. Thomas Dodd will lead, nobody knows. It is, of course, likely to lead to the diminution of the Senator's influence, and that certainly is a national disaster.

The charges against the Senator are in three general parts. Concerning parts two (petty favors from petty and not-so-petty merchants) and three (using campaign contributions for general personal expenses), I shall be writing after all the evidence is in.

Concerning the first part, a slavish and dishonorable relationship with Gen. Julius Klein, it seems to me that the evidence is pretty well in hand, and that the verdict is to the effect that Gen. Klein is a very talented and slightly impossible human being, and probably the most importunate figure in the history of public relations, which is hardly a matter of national concern.

I have never met Gen. Klein. Gen. Klein is a war hero who rose in the postwar period to the post of commander of the Jewish War Veterans. He set up his own PR agency, specializing in representing West German interests in this country. One would gather, from his correspondence with most eminent legislators, that he and they grew up together in kindergarten, prep school and college, and that he was best man at every senator's wedding.

Consider, for instance, Sen. Wayne Morse, with his high threshold of irritability. To Sen. Morse, Gen. Klein is "Julius," and on Feb. 20, 1964, he wrote to Gen. Klein to reassure him that Sen. Fulbright's investigation of foreign lobbying hadn't hurt him, counselled him on how to proceed, reminded him that he (Morse) and other senators had spoken handsomely of Gen. Klein in the course of Sen. Fulbright's hearings, and suggesting that (Stu) (Sen. Symington) "would be glad to join us in a visit about this matter when you return to Washington."

Sen. Javits began his letter of Dec. 2, 1963, to Gen. Klein the way most senators do, namely, by apologizing for the delay in answering Gen. Klein's last half-dozen letters.

"As far as I am concerned," Sen. Javits said, "you certainly have not misused your long-standing friendship with me! (Exclamation mark in the original.) On the contrary, I have found you every inch the 'Major General,' loyal, patriotic, and most solicitous for the success of U.S. foreign policy. Your contributions to German-American understanding have been great and important — perhaps in the long corridor of history even historic. With warm regards, Sincerely, Jack."

By William F. Buckley Jr.

Concerning the Fulbright investigation, Sen. Mundt also wrote warmly (Dear Julius) to Gen. Klein, as did Sen. Hickenlooper, and Stu, and Sen. Gore.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (Dear Julius) was positively effusive: "When you are speaking to some of your clients, I wish you would show them this letter . . . The (Fulbright) reports reveal that you have done a very good job of representing your clients. Furthermore, those hearings and reports reveal that you have a host of friends in the Congress of the United States in both political parties, and men of considerable stature in the Congress who have a high regard for you and respect your professional ability . . . Be assured of my continued friendship, Sincerely, Hubert H."

Along comes Sen. Dodd, whose dealings with Gen. Klein are made the subject of a formal investigation by the Senate's Select Committee on Standards and Conduct.

Mrs. Marjorie Carpenter, the Senator's former personal secretary whose troubled conscience led her neither to her confessor nor to the FBI but to Drew Pearson, testified that two of her associates had in her presence speculated that Gen. Klein "must have" paid Sen. Dodd ten thousand dollars to make a pro-Klein trip to Germany. The associates took the stand and flatly denied any such speculation.

The documents reveal a campaign contribution by Gen. Klein to Sen. Dodd's campaigns for the Senate of \$750 in 1958, \$250 in 1964, which suggests that Gen. Klein is hardly a political philanthropist. Beyond that, Sen. Dodd was able to show that his trip to Germany in 1964 was undertaken not in behalf of Gen. Klein but in pursuance of business that came before the Committee on Internal Security, namely, the Soviet killer ring of which Bogdan Stashinsky was a cold-blooded but now penitent executioner. That trip, on which the Senator took along a talented assistant, David Martin, cost the government a mere two thousand dollars, and resulted in a highly informative report.

What was left? Correspondence reveals that Gen. Klein was forever writing Sen. Dodd, as he was forever writing other senators, asking that this or that statement or encomium be introduced into the Congressional Record. Sometimes Sen. Dodd obliged, other times he didn't. And that Sen. Dodd, on several occasions, stayed the night in New York City at Gen. Klein's suite at the Essex House. Asked why, Sen. Dodd answered: "I'm not a rich man." And, more disarming still, "Gen. Klein is a friend of mine."

Where is the corpus delicti?