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Why Fulbright's Glaring

and a Cuban Secret



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President Kennedy and
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however... and helped justify Mr. Kennedy's charge against the Republicans. Mr. Kennedy was deeply moved by the Senator's efforts on his behalf during this critical stage of the campaign.

A Senate Power
2. Before that, however, the Senator from Arkansas was one of the most prominent figures in the Senate while the youthful Senator from Massachusetts was one of the lowest-ranking members of Sen. Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee. In any committee, the ranking member towered over the rank and file, possessing the power and influence denied to those at the foot of the committee table.

This was the way they had started out.
3. After the election, Mr. Kennedy picked Sen. Fulbright among the top two or three prospects for the job of Secretary of State. At the time, when it seemed almost possible that Fulbright would be asked to lead the foreign policy objectives of the administration from the State Department.

People. The word was that appointment of a Southerner who had signed the Southern Manifesto against public school integration would damage the United States in the vital new lands of Africa and Asia.

Difficult for Fulbright
And so Dean Rusk was named Secretary of State and Sen. Fulbright stayed on as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. Although he has never said so, this sequence of events was difficult for Sen. Fulbright.

On occasion since Jan. 20, Sen. Fulbright has privately complained that he was not kept abreast of affairs for which his committee has responsibilities. Highlights of the foreign aid program found their way into print, for example, only after they were created in the White House. Perhaps he resented the fact that he was invited to the State Department only after the fact. He planned to resign in April 1961, and candidly expressed his feelings to the public. Fulbright's resignation was a direct result of the fact that he was not kept abreast of affairs for which his committee has responsibilities.

What happens between these two high figures in the future will affect the course of American policy abroad. Sen. Fulbright believes in public debate on the critical issues of foreign policy. He opposes hiding disagreements under a blanket. He spoke his mind on the U-2 fiasco, when the Eisenhower administration's cover story collapsed, and he pressed the investigation that followed.

Now he is chiding the President on grounds that he has failed to follow through on the bright promise of his early speeches. He is speaking out against specific foreign policy actions that have not been resolved but are still under active study in the White House, such as intervention in Laos.

In short, he is assuming an independent role, the role of critic and adviser that he played for eight years with a Republican in the White House. As such, observers here expect his influence to expand.

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