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Justice Abe Fortas Resigns, Sends Letters to President and Warren

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Sends Letters To President And Warren

By LYLE DENNISTON

Justice Abe Fortas today resigned from the Supreme Court. He was accused of taking money from a business tycoon in trouble and returning it. He has also been accused of taking money from a business tycoon to help settle a dispute between the tycoon and a newspaper.

The resignation of Fortas, a member of the court since 1962, comes just weeks after President Johnson announced his plan to nominate Fortas as the new chief justice of the court.

Fortas was nominated by President Kennedy, who nominated him following the death of Justice Earl Warren. Warren had signed a letter to Fortas, asking him to resign from the court.

Fortas had been under investigation for several months due to allegations of taking money from a business tycoon.

The resignation of Fortas has prompted a wave of reaction from the legal community and the public.

Justices of the court have been critical of Fortas, and many have expressed concern about the situation.

Fortas has denied the allegations, saying he has done nothing wrong.

The resignation of Fortas has raised questions about the future of the Supreme Court and the role of the chief justice.

Senators Report Earning $278,000 in 'Extras'

By ROBERT WALTERS

Members of the Senate earned more than $278,000 last year, according to financial reports filed with the Senate.

The reports cover income from investments, real estate, speeches, and other miscellaneous income.

The Senate Ethics Committee has been investigating allegations of impropriety in the financial disclosures of senators.

The committee has been interviewing senators and their staffs, and has requested additional information from them.

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Members of the Senate earned more than $278,000 last year in lecture fees, book royalties, pay for newspaper-column and magazine articles, television appearances and related activities, according to financial reports just filed with the secretary of the Senate.

However, that total represents only a small portion of the outside income of the senators because the more substantial sources of privately earned funds — from business investments, professional fees and similar ventures — are not listed in reports open for public inspection.

The data which is available in the public — limited to a glimpse of bonuses in excess of $5,000 — does provide some sense of their earnings.

Articles in Playboy:

Among them:

• The largest single source of senators' fees last year was the little-known New York City investment firm of Brinberg & Co., which paid 16 senators a total of $11,360 for business addresses to customers attending luncheon and dinner meetings.

• The most popular magazines for senator-written articles — and the most generous of all periodically listed in the reports — was Playboy. Three senators wrote for the magazine, and received a total of $6,350 for their efforts.

• At least six senators, including the majority and minority leaders, earned more than $50,000 in honorariums. The largest total was reported by Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., who earned $66,972 during 1964, but was not a member of the Senate at the time.

• A total of 16 senators reported receiving some form of honorarium, ranging from $1,000 to Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois for a television appearance that was received by Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., for a speech at George Washington University.

Disclosure Law:

The reports were filed under provisions of a disclosure law passed last year which requires all senators and Senate employees earning more than $10,000 annually to submit an account "with the secretary of the Senate before the 15th day of each month of every year.'"

When the secretary's office finally after 3:30 p.m., yesterday, reports were still missing for 39 members of the Senate. Some were expected to slip their reports under the door. But those who missed the deadline faced only a special problem because the resolution requiring the reports does not contain any penalty for non-compliance.


The remaining 9 senators see SENATE, Page A-4.