

\$500,000 'Slush Fund' Reasonable, Javits Says

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 19 (AP) — Postersville, said he challenged a charge by Democrat James Senator Javits to explain to B. Donovan that Senator Javits voters "whether or not the is raising a campaign "slush \$500,000 slush fund has been fund" and fresh debate to raised, and if so, how it can day in the race for Senator, possibly be used in a six-week Javits' campaign for the United States Senate."

Mr. Donovan, touring the Adirondack, asserted yesterday Senator Javits told newsmen that Senator Javits' backers were raising a half-million dollars for a slush fund. He challenged the Republican Senator to explain why he needed so much money.

Senator Javits, also campaigning in the state, replied that the "figure is not in any way outrageous."

The Senator told newsmen he lacked sufficient funds to finance the campaign himself, and that his brother Benjamin and a friend had undertaken the fund-raising job. He said he did not know how much they were raising.

Commenting on Mr. Donovan's charge, Senator Javits estimated that it would cost \$300,000 just to send a letter to every voter in the State.

Mr. Donovan, speaking at

"Campaigns are expensive. I haven't the money to pay for it. I have to have help. You can't be on radio and TV and send mail without it costing a considerable sum."

Mr. Donovan said he had personal knowledge of the Javits fund-raising effort because Benjamin Javits had sent him one of the letters seeking contributions.