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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# Contractor Provides Dodd Car STATINTL

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Only Senate leaders are furnished Government limousines; all other Senators, including committee chairmen, are obliged to provide their own transportation.

There is, however, one curious exception. Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.), drives a sleek, black Jet 88 Oldsmobile thoughtfully provided by a Connecticut contractor.

The car carries the Connecticut license tag, "U.S. SEN. 1," but the registration is made out to Dunbar Associates, Inc., of 54 Pane Road, Newington, Conn.

The Senator has been driving the Dunbar Co. car ever since July, 1964. He wrote a thank-you letter, carefully marked "personal," to David Dunbar, the company president, on July 23, 1964. "I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for the wonderful assistance which you have given me," wrote Dodd. "The car is just great, and it sure gets me around."

Soon after the car arrived, Dodd began scouting around for government contracts for Dunbar Associates. He made inquiries at the Atomic Energy



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Commission and Government Printing Office.

## Return Favor

Thanks in part to his intervention, Dunbar was awarded the contract to close down the Connecticut Advanced Nuclear Engineering Laboratory.

The Senator was less successful, however, with the public printer. He turned this project over to Gerry Zeiller, a former assistant, who investigated whether Dunbar could get the contract to move the Government Printing Office to a new building.

Last June, Zeiller received a note from the Senator's private secretary, Doreen Moloney.

"Dave Dunbar called and wanted me to check with the Senator about setting up a luncheon next week with Jim Harrison of Government Printing," wrote Miss Moloney. "The Senator said to check with you, and I suppose, if you give the go-ahead, the luncheon can be set up."

Zeiller learned that the Printing Office wouldn't be moving into its new quarters for several years, and that all contracts would be handled by the Joint Congressional Committee on Printing.

"In view of this," replied Zeiller in a memo, "I am sure there will be very heavy polit-

ical implications in the whole deal and will take an awful lot of spade work to get any piece of this action for Dunbar or anybody else."

## Private Spies

The FBI is investigating the practice of certain foreign governments to hire American private detectives to spy on political refugees who have been granted asylum in this country.

Some private eyes function virtually as secret police for these governments.

One of the worst offenders is the island dictatorship of Haiti which, over the years, has hired the following detective firms: Associated Detectives Inc., Miami; Borger Associates, New York City; and National Detective Agencies Inc., Washington.

National Detective's chief, Chauncey James, stated frankly on his registration form that one of his functions was "to ascertain the activities of certain Haitian citizens, government officials and former government officials who are presently in the U.S.A."

Note: In 1959, Richard Chamber registered as a Haitian agent to furnish information on people "conspiring against the Haitian regime."

## Headlines and Footnotes

Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who is still looking for

an appropriate place to hang his hat, has framed a letter written by Vice President George Dallas more than 100 years ago. The letter indicates that Dallas also had trouble over where to live . . . "The more things change," says Humphrey, "the more they remain the same". . . Lobbyists constantly throw parties for Senators, but last week a group of Senators arranged a surprise party for a lobbyist. Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.), learned that one of the most popular lobbyists on Capitol Hill, Chuck Lipsen, had reached his 40th birthday. So Hartke got together with some of his colleagues and cooked up a birthday party. So many Senators showed up that they could have had a quorum call around the cake . . . This column recently reported that Congressmen had been holding their annual golf tournament at the fashionable Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Fla., despite the fact that the hotel barred Jewish guests. The story implied that Rep. Edward Derwinski (R-Ill.), who arranged the 1965 tournament, wasn't concerned. This column has now learned that Derwinski wrote to the hotel threatening to cancel the tournament unless the hotel stopped discriminating against Jews. We are happy to clarify the story.

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