

# Probe Case Printer Tells of His 'Fears' on Midnight Ride

Washington, D. C. —(AP)—William H. Fedder, Baltimore printer, Tuesday gave senators investigating the 1950 Maryland senatorial campaign further details of the "midnight ride" on which he said he was taken early Nov. 6 by three men who "threatened" him with a McCarthy investigation.

Fedder identified the three as Don Surine, who is an investigator for Senator McCarthy (Rep., Wis.), Ewell Moore and George Nilles. He did not further identify the other two.

He said Surine demanded during the ride that he give up a letter Senator John Marshall Butler (Rep., Md.) had written guaranteeing payment of about \$12,000 Fedder said was due him from Butler headquarters for printing bills and for distribution of 500,000 copies of From the Record, a tabloid attacking former Democratic Senator Millard Tydings.

Tydings has said that the \$12,000 payment indicated the Butler campaign spending exceeded legal limits.

Fedder said the "ride" began at about midnight when he was trying to rush a last minute job of addressing and mailing 50,000 Butler picture post cards, going from house to house collecting the cards from women workers he had hired.

## Surine Became "Abusive"

He said he met Moore and Nilles before the ride at the Emerson hotel in Baltimore, and Surine later, and that Surine became "abusive," complaining that not enough cards had been addressed and mailed.

Fedder said that Surine asked him whether he knew "Capt. Kriss of the police department, who was a friend of his, and could make it tough for me. I said the police don't worry me because I haven't done

anything wrong. I asked him to please let me finish (the card job) and go home.

"He said that where they came from 'my kind' would be lucky to get home at all. He kept asking about the letter. I kept insisting that it could not be reached because my lawyer had it."

Fedder said he got into a car Surine was driving and sat in the back seat "frightened." They visited the campaign workers' homes, picking up cards.

Once when he begged to let him go home, Fedder said, "they switched the conversation to fraud."

## Appeared to Be Spokesman

"Surine, who appeared to be the spokesman for the three," he added, "insisted that I defrauded Butler, that I didn't send out all of the mail which I billed the campaign for."

Finally, he said, Surine began writing out a statement for him to sign, and at one point asked him to "allow him to put into the statement that I had overcharged because of the large sums of money I had to 'kick back' to Mr. Jonkel (Jon Jonkel, Butler campaign manager) and Mrs. Van Dyke (Mrs. Katherine Van Dyke) of the Butler campaign staff.

"This was not true and I refused. The rest of the statement is also not true."

Finally, Fedder said, he told Surine: "If you let me go home, you can put in there that you don't owe me any money and that the job was done properly and I'll sign the entire statement that it's true and correct." Fedder said Surine "jumped at this, saying 'Okay.' I signed, left their car, got into my own and went home. The time was now 6 a.m. on Nov. 6, 1950."

Fedder said he tried unsuccessfully five or six times to get in touch with Butler between Nov. 9 and 27 and tell him about the "ride."

## Reached Mrs. Van Dyke

He finally reached Mrs. Van Dyke and told her to tell Butler "I was taken for a ride and I don't like it."

He later got in touch with campaign treasurer Cornelius Mundy and inquired about the balance he said was due him. Mundy told him, he said, that instead of owing him money Fedder owed them and he mentioned the statement Fedder signed for Surine.

"I tried to explain to Mr. Mundy that I was taken for a ride and that if he had been as frightfully scared as I was, he'd have signed it, too," Fedder continued. "He told me he didn't believe a word I was saying and that he wanted to get me under oath."

Fedder said he later went to Mundy's office with his attorneys and told him about the ride, explaining that "the post office receipts he already had in his possession could disprove anything Don Surine claimed."

Under cross-examination, Fedder said the total cost of printing and other services rendered the Butler campaign headquarters totaled \$18,099. He said the entire sum has been paid, the final payment being made Dec. 26.



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