

## West German Clients

# Gen. Klein Hit in Lobbying Report

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Julius Klein has been criticized by Senate investigators for his activities as a highly paid agent for West German interests in the United States.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.) said the General's case illustrated how a foreign agent, "by exaggeration or misuse of his relationships with members of Congress, can for his own purposes create for foreign governments, officials or business interests a mistaken and sometimes unflattering picture of how our governmental institutions function."

Sen. Fulbright is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has been investigating the activities of non-diplomatic American agents for foreign interests.

The committee is considering legislation that would tighten existing law requiring registration and periodic reports by such agents.

During a closed-door hearing on May 14, Gen. Klein said he was president of Julius Klein Public Relations, Inc., of Chicago, with offices in Washington and Frankfurt, Germany.

He said he had the ear of former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for years and had been paid more than \$300,000 for the previous three years to represent West German interests in the United States.

"Most of our time and effort is spent in advising our clients how to act consistent

with the image expected of them here in the United States," Gen. Klein said.

Gen. Klein said his clients were the Society for the Promotion of German-American co-operation in Wiesbaden, and the German state of Hesse, which wanted to promote U. S. tourism.

The General said he did not know whether the West German government contributed to the nearly \$420,000 he had received since 1960, but added at one point: "I took it for granted."

Gen. Klein testified he always put the United States first, and that he did not engage in political activities for individual German clients that would have required registration under U. S. law.

The committee was told that Gen. Klein had drafted speeches for congressmen to improve the image of West Germany, that he organized cocktail parties in Washington hotels for visiting German dignitaries and that he had suggested Senate resolutions that never actually reached the floor.

Gen. Klein said it was a "very ticklish problem where to draw the line" on whether, in any given case, he was acting as a foreign agent or as a retired general, U. S. citizen or friend of German politicians. (UPI)

