

p101 - Rules Committee -

Carl Albert got RFK elected

Senate Select Committee = 4 Ds - Bellah, Pini & Pennington  
4 Rs

Samuel Bellah as RFK's chief asset

Country from RFK's assigned chair w/ FOI

Also Walter Sheridan on Hoffa footnote 12, p 519

p104 - that gate in RFK from the hearings.

EMK invited to hearings p 105, photo footnote

Bob Shelby followed RFK as

Chief Counsel of the Select Senate Committee

## Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Fields

### McClellan Rackets Committee

#### Membership:

- Democrats
  - John McClellan, AK
  - John F. Kennedy, MA
  - Sam Ervin, NC
  - Pat McNamera, MI, (resigned), Frank Church ID
- Republicans
  - Barry Goldwater, AZ
  - Karl Mundt, SD
  - Irving Ives, NY (left Senate 1/59), Homer Capehart, IN
  - Joe McCarthy, WI (died); Carl Curtis, NE

#### Original Staff:

- Chief Counsel: Robert F. Kennedy
- Assistant Chief Counsel Jerome S Adlerman
- Chief Investigator: Carmine Bellino
- Investigators: LaVern J Duffy
- FBI Liaison: Courtney Evans

#### Later additions

- Jack Kennedy's administrative assistant, Kenneth O'Donnell
- Investigators: Pierre E. G. Salinger, Walter J. Sheridan
- When RFK resigned in September, 1959, Adlerman took his place, later so did G Robert Blakely
- Staff grew to 100 investigators,

## McClellan Rackets Committee

Specifics

Hilty, p 100 plus is great summary of Committee actions.

Prior to forming committee, Bellino and Jerome Alderman secretly visited:

- Edwin Guthman of the Seattle *Times*,
- Peirre Salinger of the SF *Chronide*,
- John Seigenthaler of the Nashville *Tennessean*
- William Lambert and Wallace Turner of the Portland *Oregonian*

(Hilty, p101)

Principal Media Support: Clark Mollenhoff of *Des Moines Register* (won '58 Pulitzer for his Hoffa reporting)

In September, 1959, after 1,525 sworn witnesses, 500 hearings and 46,150 pages of testimony, Bobby resigned to run his brother's campaign for president (Hilty, p102)

It was good politics for the Kennedys, since the AFL-CIO had kicked the Teamsters out and they were the principle focus of the investigations.

Total Activity: 1300 witnesses, 250 days of televised hearings (from 1957-1961). Hearings were held in Russell Senate Office Building Caucus Room, as were the Ervin Committee hearings. Designed in 1903, it is the oldest and most ornate meeting room outside the Capitol.

Two books were dedicated to the Committee and its work:

Kennedy, Robert F. *The Enemy Within*. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1960

McClellan, John L. *Crime Without Punishment*. New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1962