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Note to Editors: Tower's trouble is girls. My lawyer here tells me he thinks this is non-libelous in this form. My information comes from persons who had first-hand knowledge of this. I am sure Mrs. Tower is aware of problem and I heard an unconfirmed report she has been contemplating divorce. Tower has a house here where he and his contributor and pilot often double date.

By Sarah McClendon

Washington, Dec. --Officials of the Republican National committee in charge of billing speakers have suddenly chilled toward Sen. John G. Tower, ex-Texas republican. They still get a lot of calls from the unknowing public for Tower to speak. His rating with the speaking public has been about on a level with that of Sen. Barry Goldwater, R., Ariz., But Goldwater, too, has impressed some with being uninterested in Tower any more.

Reason for the chilliness at the republican national committee is that Tower demands too much in the way of personal entertainment from republican hosts in towns where he is to speak. All this in addition to receiving expense money for traveling and honorariums for speeches. The republican committee people book the speech and see that Tower gets the expense money. It is usually up to him and the host to handle details of the amount which the senator is to be paid for making the speech. That is up to Tower. No one in the republican national committee begrudges him taking the honorariums, as many senators do; some do not. But Tower has shocked his hosts by demanding ahead of time that pleasant companions be provided ahead of time.

Most republicans are dignified and staid and are not used to such shenanigans. Besides had not Tower been sold to them as the boy ideal of the Senate?

The republican national committee has become so concerned about this that they are thinking of asking Tower's wife to move to Washington from Wichita Falls, Texas, where she has remained most of the time he has been wandering about the country speaking, and in future to accompany him on his speaking trips.

This is one of the main reasons for republicans' disenchantment with Tower. There are others, matters of judgment. A common phrase here now is "Tower was a mistake--why did not Texas republicans pick a man who knew more about the facts?" --30--

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