

## Nixon Headquarters In Ashes in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Sept. 29 (UPI) — A deliberately set fire gutted the first floor of President's campaign headquarters here early today, causing \$100,000 damage.

The fire in the two-story headquarters of the Committee for the Re-election of the President broke out about 2:30 a.m., several hours after Mr. Nixon's daughter, Mrs. David Eisenhower, had dedicated the new Phoenix Civic Plaza in downtown Phoenix, several miles away.

Mrs. Eisenhower left town before the blaze broke out, and there was no indication that the incident was connected with her visit.

Bob Biven, chief investiga-

tor for the Phoenix Fire Department, said flammable liquid was poured in a hallway on the ground floor of the building, leased by the Republicans.

Investigators said there was no trace of any containers, so the possibility that fire bombs were thrown into the building was ruled out.

As a result of the fire, police were ordered to keep a special watch on other campaign headquarters throughout the city.

Former Phoenix Mayor Sam Mardian Jr., state chairman for the Nixon campaign, called the fire a "reprehensible act and a gross insult to the American political system."