

## Two Agnew Accusers Are Charged by U.S. With Tax Violations

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BALTIMORE (UPI) — Two prominent businessmen involved in the corruption investigation that drove Spiro T. Agnew from the vice presidency 13 months ago have been charged with a felony tax violation stemming from the Agnew investigation.

U.S. Attorney George Beall charged mortgage broker-developer I. H. Hammerman and engineer Allen Green with "interference with the administration of the internal revenue laws." They will be arraigned in federal court today.

The two each face maximum penalties of one year in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Messrs. Hammerman and Green were two of the four accusers of Mr. Agnew named in a 40-page statement of evidence released in federal court Oct. 10, 1973, the day Mr. Agnew resigned and pleaded no contest to a single charge of evading federal income taxes.

The statement said the two paid kickbacks to Mr. Agnew during his career as governor of Maryland and Vice President. The statement also said they had agreed to cooperate with Mr. Beall's investigation of Maryland political corruption. That resulted in the bribery-extortion conviction of former Democratic National Committeeman N. Dale Anderson, who succeeded Mr. Agnew as Baltimore county executive in 1966.

Mr. Beall brought the charges against

Messrs. Hammerman and Green directly, without going through the grand jury. Direct charges are often used when the defendants are expected to plead guilty.

The charge against Mr. Hammerman states that "he did on more than one occasion receive from various individuals and subsequently deliver to Spiro T. Agnew, then governor of the State of Maryland, and to Jerome B. Wolff, then chairman-director of the Maryland State Roads Commission, quantities of money and cash. . . ." The charge against Mr. Green is identical except there isn't any reference to Mr. Wolff, who was also one of the four men who told prosecutors they paid kickbacks to Mr. Agnew while he was governor and Vice President.

The fourth accuser was engineer Lester Matz who, like Mr. Wolff, headed a Baltimore county engineering concern that did business with the state. Mr. Matz and Mr. Wolff haven't been charged but are under investigation.

J. Walter Jones, a banker, was identified in court by one of Mr. Beall's assistants last month as the man who collected the kickbacks for Mr. Agnew. Mr. Jones, angered by the charge, said he would go to court "to clear my name."

"I intend to fight these people with everything I have, either in criminal or civil court. And the most important weapon I have is the honest-to-god truth," he said.

Mr. Agnew has consistently denied the accusations in the statement read in court before Judge Walter Hoffman, who pointedly remarked that the no contest plea to tax evasion was equivalent to a conviction.

Mr. Agnew is currently in the export-import business near Annapolis and was disbarred earlier this year by the Maryland Court of Appeals.