

# Grand Jury Will Hear Facts

ANNAPOLIS (AP)—Evidence related to the falsification of contributors to the 1972 fundraiser honoring Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is slated to be presented Tuesday to the Anne Arundel County Grand Jury.

Raymond G. Thieme Jr., the county state's attorney, said Monday he had issued from five to 10 subpoenas to individuals to appear before the panel concerning a hidden \$49,900 contribution from the National Finance Committee to Reelect the President.

"I am going to present the

results of my investigation to the grand jury," said Thieme, who declined to identify the subpoenaed individuals or discuss the case further.

Thieme began his criminal probe last Thursday after conferring with Willard A. Morris, state election law administrator, and obtaining copies of financial reports filed by the "Salute to Ted Agnew Night Committee."

Earlier last week, several persons connected with the committee admitted that organizers of the affair in Baltimore

falsified a report to hide the \$49,900 contribution from President Nixon's reelection committee.

The money from the Washington-based committee was listed in a report filed June 15, 1972, as coming in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 from 31 contributors, including two state senators and B.H. Wharton, the Agnew affair treasurer.

On June 1, 1973, organizers of the Agnew affair filed an amended disclosure report dropping the 31 contributors

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and substituting the Nixon committee as the source of the \$49,900. The amended document was submitted to the state a week before Hugh Sloan, former Nixon campaign treasurer, revealed before the Senate Watergate hearing that he had turned the \$49,900 over to Alexander Lankler, chairman of the Maryland Republican Party.

The filing of the amended report came only eight days after the suicide of Rep. William O. Mills, R-Md., in the wake of disclosures that his 1971 cam-

paign received a unreported \$25,000 from the presidential reelection committee.

State party officials have said the decision to reveal the fund source was not influenced by either the Mill tragedy or the then upcoming testimony by Sloan.

Maryland's campaign disclosure law classifies as perjury "any wilfully false, fraudulent or misleading statement or entry made by any candidate for office, treasurer or subtreasurer or by any member or officer of any political

committee in any statement or account under oath required by this article."

Another section specifically prohibits the listing of contributions in false names. A violator is subject to a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine, a year in jail and a four-year bar on holding public office.

The report containing the names of the 31 purported contributors was signed by Wharton, a Baltimore banker, who certified it as "complete and accurate."