

One Indicted In Loan to Agnew Fete

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The Anne Arundel County grand jury indicted a Maryland Republican today on four counts of violating the state election law through manipulation of \$50,000 in campaign funds used to inflate the proceeds from a 1972 testimonial dinner for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

Deputy Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Martin A. Wolff refused to release the indicted individual's name until he has been notified of the charges against him.

Wolff would only say that the person indicted is a Maryland resident. He implied that the accused was associated with the "Salute to Ted Agnew Night" held on May 19, 1972.

The Anne Arundel investigation was started after Alexander M. Lankler Jr., Maryland state GOP chairman, admitted last week that \$50-

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Wolff said, "We have been in touch with the General Accounting Office. We are working with them (GAO) and exchanging materials."

The only witness to appear before the Anne Arundel County grand jury today was a GAO auditor who identified himself as Barry Shillito, and who appeared before the jury for about a half an hour. Earlier, two other GAO investigators who had been at the Maryland Board of Elections of... to compare state campaign reports with those submitted to federal offices... the state's attorney's office here.

In refusing to release the indicted person's name, Wolff said he was following a courthouse rule set by Circuit Judge Matthew S. Evans intended to assure that individuals who are indicted learn of this first from the court.

Wolff refused to say exactly what four counts were returned against the unnamed person today, but said they relate to the state's election laws that provide for a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Wolff said that because the alleged violations are misdemeanors with a one-year statute of limitations, "We were under the gun" to move quickly. He apparently was referring to the fact that the inaccurate Agnew committee report was filed a year ago next Friday.

On Tuesday, six prominent Maryland Republicans testified in secret to the grand jury. Appearing before them for nearly two hours was Mrs. Harvey Meyerhoff, a Baltimore-area Republican who was chairman of the Agnew Night Committee.

Also testifying Tuesday were four persons who had been falsely listed as contributors to the Agnew fundraiser and the treasurer of Rep. Marjorie S. Holt's (R-Md.) congressional campaign last year.

Wolff said today that Mrs. Holt's campaign was not be-

ing investigated and "we were only looking at it in regard to the Ted Agnew Night Committee."

The Holt campaign had reported receiving \$5,000 from the Agnew committee, but the Agnew Night Committee only reported contributing \$2,500 to the Holt campaign. However, Wolff said, the Agnew testimonial formed another committee in Washington that contrib-

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Chairman of the Maryland Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, and a representative of the County of Prince George's and also a friend of Agnew; Mrs. John W. Steffey, wife of the treasurer of the Maryland Finance Committee to Re-elect the President.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann K. Intemann, who were active in Mrs. Holt's campaign and with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Steffey were falsely listed as donors to the Agnew testimonial, and Rolph Townshend Jr., campaign treasurer for Mrs. Holt.

All persons who have testified before the grand jury have been granted immunity from prosecution, which is automatic under Maryland law.

The GAO, however, is investigating whether the committee's reports in fact were falsified.