

Md. Probe of Campaign Fund Switch

For Agnew Fete Seen Nearing End

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ANNAPOLIS, July 25—

Deputy Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Martin S. Wolff said today his office is seeking to complete by August an investigation of a falsely reported \$50,000 contribution to a 1972 fund-raiser for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

Wolff said the county grand jury that adjourns Aug. 28 will not hear information obtained by three investigators regarding \$140,000 received by the 1970 campaign of Sen. J. Glenn Beall (R-Md.) from a White House fund-raising operation. Beall's campaign did not report the contribution, which may be a violation of state law, though Beall has denied it was.

Wolff said the facts dis-

covered in the Anne Arundel state's attorney's probe of Beall will be presented to the new grand jury that will be sworn in September.

He said a third investigation, of allegations made by former Democratic congressional candidate Werner Fornos against the 1972 campaign of Rep. Marjorie S. Holt (R-Md.) also is in a preliminary stage similar to the Beall investigation.

These investigations are occurring in Anne Arundel County because any violations of Maryland's campaign finance reporting laws would occur in Annapolis, where Maryland candidates must file their reports.

The county grand jury has returned a four-count indictment against the treasurer of the Agnew fund-raiser,

Blagden H. Wharton, a vice president of Maryland National Bank.

He is charged with filing a false report that the money had been contributed by individuals when actually it was loaned by the national Committee to Re-Elect the President to make the fund-raiser seem more successful than it was.

On Tuesday a staff investigator and the Rev. Roy Pfauch, a political consultant who helped organize the Agnew affair, appeared before the Anne Arundel grand jury. Wolff declined to say how many more persons are expected to appear before the jury in connection with the Agnew probe, but said more than 20 people have been interviewed by the investigators.