

McG Pushes Nixon Corruption Charges

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NEW YORK — (AP) — Sen. George McGovern is escalating his accusations of White House corruption, saying government scandals of the past were "child's play compared to what's

going on in this Administration."

The Democratic presidential nominee evidently has decided to make that a major theme in what he said will be an all-out campaign

against President Nixon during the five weeks until election day.

McGovern is campaigning today in New York and Boston after asserting that, while the President talks of law and order, "I submit that the permissiveness toward a breakdown of high moral standards in this country begins right with Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew."

McGovern pressed that as his issue yesterday in Washington, Lyndhurst, N.J., and at a \$500-a-plate campaign fund-raising dinner at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

"The Nixon administration is the most morally bankrupt administration in the entire history of our country," he told the fund-raising dinner crowd estimated at more than 1000 last night. He also said it is the worst Administration.

"At no time in the history of our land has corruption been so deep, so pervasive as it is today . . .

"The influence of big money is corrupting the integrity of government on a scale never seen before," McGovern said.

The chief components of McGovern's corruption charges are those he has been raising for weeks — the Justice Department settlement of the International Telephone & Telegraph anti-trust case; "this smelly wheat deal" with the Soviet Union, and campaign contributions to Nixon from anonymous donors, which the Democratic candidate said may total \$20 million.

In a speech to about 400 Manhattan supporters and civic leaders, McGovern today said that Nixon is trying to "mask a record of astounding failure in the field of crime behind a veil of law and order rhetoric."

He challenged Nixon to cut off U.S. aid to "those corrupt governments of Southeast Asia that are fast becoming the number one source of narcotics moving into this country."

Drug Culture

On another point, McGovern said that as President he would seek "to steer this country away from its obsession with pills and drugs of all kinds," saying that has created a climate leading to drug addiction.

"I would crack down on exploitive commercial advertising which suggests that every problem we have can be cured by swallowing some kind of drug," McGovern said.

Off on a seven-state campaign swing after a break and strategy talks in Washington, McGovern stuck with the corruption issue.