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☆☆☆☆☆ May 4, 1972**Suit to Block Book Filed**

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — A suit was filed yesterday to block distribution of a book that claims Richard Nixon received hundreds of thousands of dollars from Howard Hughes in return for political favors when Nixon was vice president.

The suit was filed in Superior Court by Victor T. Schaub, challenging the book "The Nixon-Hughes Loan," distributed to booksellers here yesterday. It was published by the American Public Affairs Institute.

The suit is based on novel legal grounds, including a charge that the book interferes with the right to free elections and the truth in packaging law. It challenges the authenticity of the documents on which it is founded.

"This is obviously a put-up thing by one of Hughes' many tentacles," said the author, Nicholas North-Broome, a British journalist.

**To Fight Suit**

Schaub, who said he was not connected with any of the parties in the suit nor any political group, refused to comment. "The suit speaks for itself, I don't want to say anymore," said Schaub, who identified himself as a "free lance legal researcher."

The suit, described by legal sources as "a very sophisticated and professionally prepared document," was prepared by himself, Schaub said. He is not a lawyer, Schaub said.

North-Broome and his publisher said they would fight the suit and defend the

authenticity of the book in court if need be.

"I don't understand what the big fuss is about," said North-Broome by telephone from Chicago. "Much of this is public record."

The "Nixon-Hughes Loan," in which Nixon's mother and brother received a \$250,000 loan said to have originated with Hughes, has been the subject of previous investigative reports.

"Nobody could ever find the papers on the loan made 10 years ago," North-Broome said. "Well, we found them, and they were notarized in Nixon's office, the office of the vice president, and the notary was the paymaster of the Senate."

**Affidavits**

The book includes affidavits from former Hughes employes that they were involved in channeling

the funds to Nixon, the author said, and a copy of a hitherto-secret agreement under which a former Hughes accountant allegedly accepted \$150,000 from Hughes on the condition he never reveal what he knew of the transactions.

North-Broome said that 11 days after the loan was made, Trans World Airlines, then under Hughes' control, was granted permission to fly the St. Louis-Miami route, although federal aviation officials had turned down its application in the past.

Within seven days of the granting of the loan, TWA was given permission to borrow \$5 million from Hughes Aircraft, although the CAB had refused permission for such a loan for 10 years previously, the author said.

The Securities and Ex-

change Commission gave TWA permission for a multi-million dollar stock transfer four months later, although the agency had refused to grant such permission four times in the past, North-Broome said.

**Antitrust Suit**

When the loan was made, the Justice Department had already filed suit against Hughes Tool Co. for allegedly monopolizing foreign trade in oil and gas drilling equipment and asking \$1.5 million fines, the book says, but 60 days later the suit was dropped and no penalties levied other than a promise by the company not to engage in such actions.

North-Broome said he had put up a \$1 million bond before publication as a guarantee to protect the publisher and booksellers if the material was not true.