

No Evidence Of McGovern Link to Violence

Washington

Police in several United States cities have confirmed a wide range of violence directed at Nixon for President campaign offices.

But police and Republican and Democratic campaign workers have failed to connect any of the violence to Senator George McGovern's campaign organization.

Clark MacGregor, campaign director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, accused the Washington Post Monday of "hypocrisy" in reporting alleged Republican sabotage against the Democrats while "proven facts of opposition — incited disruptions of the President's campaign — are buried deep inside the paper."

MacGregor asked, in a prepared statement, why the newspaper hasn't investigated four instances of violence directed toward Nixon campaign offices.

INCIDENTS

The four specific incidents mentioned by MacGregor were as follows:

- "The molotov cocktail discovered on October 8 at the door of the Newhall, Calif., Nixon headquarters.

A spokesman for the Newhall sheriff's office said yesterday that a bottle with gasoline was left on the back steps of the headquarters. He said there was no attempt to throw it, or to light it, that it was simply placed there, was discovered by a campaign worker, and removed by police. He said there are no suspects, nor any evidence linking the bottle to Democrats.

- "The extensive fire damage suffered September 17 to the Nixon headquarters in Hollywood, Calif."

SERIOUS

This is the most serious of the alleged incidents, the only one in which anyone was killed or seriously injured.

Detective Sergeant Paul O'Sheen of the Los Angeles police department's Hollywood division said the arson was not connected to politics, but was a burglary attempt on the firm in whose

offices Democrats for Nixon headquarters are located.

O'Sheen said three juveniles broke into the Star City distributors, a business selling posters, candles, T-shirts, etc. Democrats for Nixon, he said, occupied a corner of the office.

One of the three youths, said O'Sheen, was an electronics buff who attempted to burglarize part of the company's switchboard apparatus. The youths, he said, set fire to the offices in an attempt to eliminate any fingerprints they might have left, and one of three died in the resulting blaze.

- "The arson of September 25 which caused more than \$100,000 in damage to the Nixon headquarters in Phoenix, Ariz."

POLICE

Phoenix police said that at 2:26 a.m. on September 29 (the Republicans erred on the date, said police) arsonists spread a flammable liquid through the central hallways of the Nixon headquarters. In the fire, said police, the first floor was destroyed, and the second floor suffered smoke and water damage. There have been no arrests, and there are no suspects, said police.

- "The extensive window-breaking and other trashing this fall at Nixon storefronts in New York Los Angeles county."

Police in New York city confirmed the placement of one fire bomb and two window-breaking incidents involving Nixon campaign offices.

But Fred Perotta, Nixon campaign manager for New York city, said "there is absolutely no evidence that it was McGovern sponsored." Police agreed.

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