

That 'Kickback': Bi-Partisan Deal

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Responding to "kickback" charges by Jeb Stuart Magruder, an East Coast businessman said today that both political parties were interested in his scheme to share profits on an exposition at the 1972 presidential conventions.

The businessman, Walter L. Scott, said he canceled the plans later when investigations of international telephone and telegraph's alleged offer of \$400,000 to finance the Republican National Convention led him to believe he would get similar adverse publicity.

Scott heads the financial Marketing Services Co., Stamford, Conn., and the Columbia Exposition Co., New York.

Scott said he approached both parties, proposing to sell 360 booths for \$5000 each, or a total of \$1.8 million.

Under the agreement, designed to circumvent federal laws barring corporations from contributing directly to political campaigns, each party would have received \$1 million and Scott \$400,000.

Scott said he sent 150 companies — "I went straight down the fortune 500 list" — brochures billing the show as "your opportunity to meet and motivate the decision-makers of the biggest market in the world."

Last week, when asked at the Senate Watergate hearings what information was sought in eavesdropping on Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien, Magruder, who was President Nixon's deputy campaign director, replied:

"We had had information . . . that . . . the fee the business concern paid to Scott's company was then kicked back or partially kicked back to the Democratic national committee to assist them in . . . their debts."

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WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Democratic National Chairman Robert S. Strauss has testified that his Dallas home ransacked soon after the Watergate arrests.

"My wife's jewelry tray with tens of thousands of dollars worth of jewelry was torn out of the wall and placed on the floor," Strauss said in a pretrial deposition in the Democrats' \$6.4 million civil suit against the Committee for the reelection of the President.

"All of our drawers were opened and papers gone through and nothing taken."

Strauss said he and his wife were at the Democratic National Convention at the time.

"It never occurred to me at that time that it might have been acts of the Republican Party, and I don't know that they did. I just know it was strange that a \$20,000 bracelet was in the middle of the floor and not taken . . ."

Strauss said nothing was missing, but most of his papers were disturbed.

"As I look back now, and it is only in the last few months that it occurred to me, it might have been the same people who did the Watergate or people with the same motives."