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Defense Fund 'Won't Pay Fine'

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W. Clement Stone, the Chicago executive who served as a trustee of a legal defense fund for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, said the money already collected would not be used to pay Agnew's \$10,000 fine.

The fine was levied by U.S. District Judge Walter Hoffman after Agnew resigned and pleaded no contest to federal income tax evasion charges yesterday.

Stone would not say how much money has been collected.

"As soon as we have an audit, we'll release a full disclosure but we'd rather not comment until then," he said.

He said the fund organizers were willing to return the contributions of those who ask for them, because, he said, some persons may have only wanted to help defray the costs of a long, protracted legal battle.

He said the fund would continue to function "because there may be those who would like to help pay up his past legal expense."

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