

Seafarers Admit Money Probe

Washington

The head of the seafarers International Union acknowledged yesterday that his union's \$100,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign is under investigation by the special Watergate prosecutor's office.

Seafarers' President Paul Hall denied there was anything illegal about the donation, asserting that the money came from voluntary donations and is "a matter of public record."

"The waterfront unions are always being investigated" he said. "The Watergate prosecutor is welcome

aboard."

Time magazine reported Sunday that investigators for Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski were looking into the union's 1972 campaign gift.

The money, Time said, went to the Nixon re-election committee the same day the union borrowed \$100,000 from the Chemical Bank of New York.

"No loan should have been necessary if the money had come from voluntary contributions by members, as required by law," the magazine said.

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