

Testimony on Kickbacks To Agnew

Baltimore

Engineer Lester Matz testified in a federal court yesterday that he paid \$40,000 in cash kickbacks to Spiro T. Agnew while Agnew was Baltimore county executive, governor of Maryland and vice president.

Matz, testifying in the corruption trial of Agnew's successor as county executive, Democrat N. Dale Anderson, told a federal court jury he made the payments during 1962-69, but not always directly to the former vice president.

"While Agnew was vice president I paid him \$30,000 for two state roads commission jobs I got," Matz testified. "I made it in two payments. The first was July 1, 1968, of \$20,000. The second was Feb. 2, 1969, and I'm not sure if it was \$10,000 or \$11,000."

Agnew was Maryland governor, not vice president, in 1968 but the error was not corrected in the courtroom where Anderson is being tried on charges of extorting \$43,000 in kickbacks and evading \$67,000 in federal income taxes.

Agnew resigned from the vice presidency October 10 after pleading no contest to a charge of income tax evasion in return for an agreement by prosecutors not to seek a jail term or criminal indictments on kickback allegations against him.

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