

# Former Congressman Fined \$750

Washington.

Former Representative Wendell Wyatt (Rep-Ore.) was fined \$750 yesterday for a violation of federal campaign contribution laws during the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign.

Wyatt, who completed ten years as a House member last December, could have received up to a year in prison and been fined as much as \$1000.

Outside the courtroom, his voice trembling, Wyatt said, "I have maintained since the very beginning that my violation was not intentional. I think what the court has done is in recognition of that fact."

Wyatt, partner in a Portland, Ore., law firm and a former FBI agent, pleaded guilty June 11 to failure to report a \$5000 cash contribution from the Time Oil Co. of Seattle.

Wyatt maintains he did not know the cash came from illegal corporate accounts, but beyond that he was required to report expenditure of the funds kept



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WENDELL WYATT  
1972 campaign violation

in a safe deposit box during the 1972 campaign.

Assistant special Watergate prosecutor Thomas McBride said up to \$2000 of the cash paid for various campaign travels from Oregon to Washington or to the 1972 Republican National Convention at Miami Beach.

Wyatt was a long-time supporter of former President Nixon and at the time of the violation was chairman of the 1972 Oregon Committee to Re-Elect the President.

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