
Armand Hammer

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Armand Hammer, millionaire head of Occidental Oil Corp., was fined \$3000 yesterday and put on probation for one year for making illegal campaign contributions to Richard Nixon's 1972 presidential campaign.

The 77-year-old Hammer, who has been hospitalized with a serious heart ailment, was in a wheelchair and hooked to a heart monitoring device when he appeared before U.S. District Judge Lawrence Lydick. His physicians were nearby.

The Occidental board chairman pleaded guilty March 4 to three misdemeanor counts of giving \$54,000 in secret contributions to the Nixon campaign.

He could have been fined \$1000 and sentenced to one year in prison on each of the three counts, but Lydick said he had no intention of putting an elderly, sick man in prison.

Hammer was charged with donating the \$54,000 after April 7, 1972, when all campaign contributions had to be made public.

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