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Agnew bagmen face tax charges

BALTIMORE (AP)—The Maryland U.S. attorney has lodged tax charges against two men who figured in the probe of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

I.H. (Bud) Hammerman II, a mortgage banker, and Allen I. Green, an engineer are expected to plead guilty to the felony charges under an agreement worked out with federal prosecutors during the kickback probe that forced Agnew's resignation. They will be arraigned in U.S. District Court here Monday.

The men face a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine

each. U.S. Atty. George Beall refused to say what sentencing recommendations, if any, the government will make.

Hammerman told federal prosecutors he shared in the payoffs he collected as one of Agnew's bagmen. He is charged with receiving cash from consultants between Jan. 25, 1967 and Jan. 7, 1969 and giving it to Agnew, then Maryland governor, and Jerome B. Wolff, then chairman of the state roads commission.

Documents in the Agnew case indicated Wolff was the third partner in the scheme, getting 25 per cent of the kickbacks and steering state contracts to firms who made them.

Green, a consulting engineer, is charged with making payoffs directly to Agnew. He told prosecutors he paid Agnew approximately \$50,000 between 1966 and 1972, according to court papers.

Green said he continued the kickbacks after Agnew became vice president.

The payments ended in December, 1972, because Beall's office had started its probe of corruption in Baltimore County, where Agnew launched his political career. The probe eventually led to Agnew's resignation and no contest plea to a tax charge on Oct. 10, 1973.