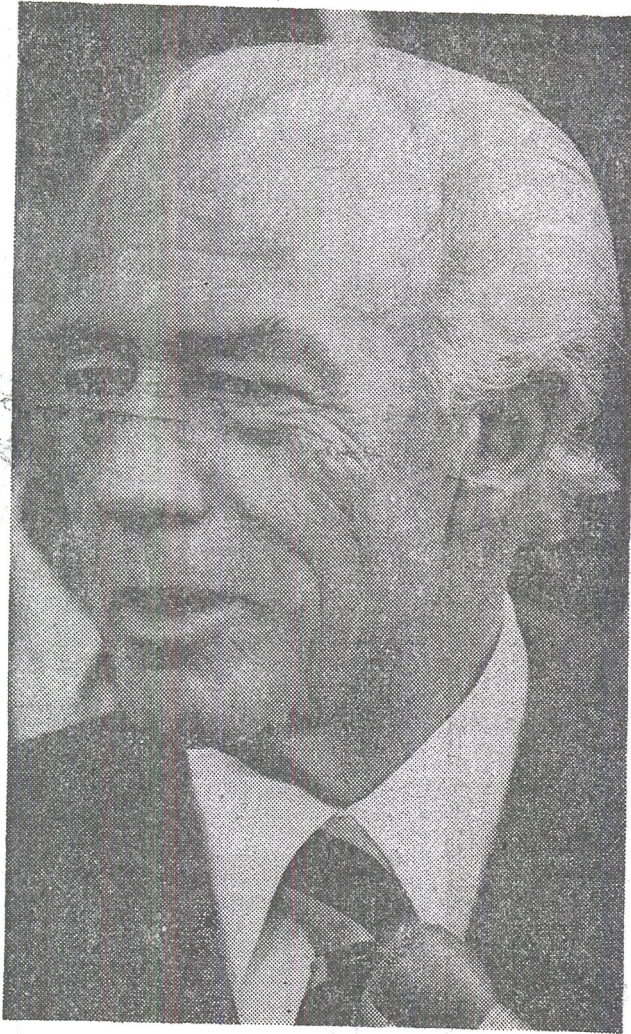


## Penalty for Campaign Donations

# Carnation Co., Head Plead Guilty, Fined

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H. Everett Olson, head of the Carnation Co., who admitted making illegal Nixon campaign contributions.

The Carnation Co. and its board chairman, H. Everett Olson, pleaded guilty today to making illegal corporate political contributions totaling \$8,900 to 1972 Republican presidential and congressional campaigns.

U.S. District Judge George L. Hart fined the condensed milk company \$5,000 and Olson \$1,000—the maximum under the federal law that prohibits such political gifts.

Carnation was the eighth corporation to be charged with illegal 1972 campaign contributions by Watergate prosecutors. Federal law prohibits corporations, labor unions and national banks from contributing directly to political campaigns.

A spokesman for Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski said that Carnation had voluntarily admitted the gifts but, unlike the seven corporations which previously pleaded guilty, had not disclosed its gifts publicly.

Olson also could have been sentenced to as much as one year in prison, but the prosecution has followed

a policy not to seek prison terms for executives who voluntarily admit illegal acts under this law.

Olson and his company waived indictment and pleaded guilty to a two-count criminal information filed by Jaworski. Olson also was charged with consenting to one of the gifts—a \$5,000 contribution to the Southern California Presidential Dinner Committee, an arm of President Nixon's re-election campaign.

In addition to the \$5,000 contribution, Jaworski charged that Carnation gave \$2,900 to the Finance Committee for the Re-election of the President and \$1,000 to a Senate campaign dinner.