

2 Named In Holt Probe

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Several hundred unattributed flyers impugning the background of Democrat Werner Fornos during his unsuccessful 1972 Congressional campaign against Rep. Marjorie Holt (R-Md.) were circulated in the Prince George's County courthouse by the county's elected court clerk and one of Mrs. Holt's key campaign workers, according to reliable sources.

W. Waverly Webb, 66, the county court clerk for the past 25 years and an old-line Democrat, identified by these sources as the person responsible for distributing the flyers, yesterday denied any involvement with the campaign literature, but said he saw it during the campaign.

William McKeever, Holt's Prince George's County campaign manager, the other person identified by the sources, could not be reached for comment.

Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Warren B. Duckett, who is investigating several alleged state campaign law violations growing out of the 1972 Fourth Congressional District race at the request of Fornos, confirmed that the flyer — obtained yesterday by The Washington Post — is one of several documents under investigation.

The flyer alleges that Fornos attempted to enter the United States illegally four times from his native Germany, and that while in the Army he was "caught in the act of removing a radio" from an unoccupied car. The flyer also charges him with a variety of personal misconduct.

Fornos said the flyer was "a very effective piece of dynamite" which contained some truths, half-truths and untruths. He said he believes some of the information contained in the flyer was obtained from "raw FBI files" compiled before he was given a top security clearance for a job in the Kennedy admin-

istration in 1962. Fornos said some of the "raw information" was later shown to be incorrect.

Duckett refused to say whether Webb or McKeever is under investigation in connection with either the reproduction of distribution of the flyer. However, Fornos and several sources in Prince George's County said they were certain the flyers were distributed in the courthouse by Webb and McKeever. The Fourth District includes southern Prince George's and all of Anne Arundel counties.

Mrs. Holt said earlier this week that she was not guilty of breaking any of the state's election laws nor had she authorized anyone on her campaign staff to circulate anonymous literature aimed at Fornos. She could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Duckett said yesterday that in his opinion whoever was responsible for compiling, reproducing or circulating the flyer in either county is guilty of violating state elections laws. It is a violation of state law to compile, reproduce or distribute campaign literature supporting or attacking a candidate unless the literature includes a statement identifying who authorized it.

The flyer circulated in the county courthouse has no such identification. Several sources said piles of the flyers were

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left near the County Council's offices on the ground floor of the courthouse in Upper Marlboro before last November's general election. These sources, who asked not to be identified, said they thought the flyers were available in other areas of the courthouse as well.

Duckett said he thought thousands of the two-page flyers—which were Xeroxed rather than printed or mimeographed—were distributed in both Anne Arundel and Prince George's

Duckett said his investigation centers on possible illegalities committed in Anne Arundel County but that he has been assured of complete cooperation by Prince George's State's Attorney Arthur A. Marshall Jr. should that be necessary.

Duckett said earlier this week that he will present the results of his investigation to an Anne Arundel grand jury.

Webb, in denying that he was responsible for distributing the flyer, said he first saw it when "I came back from lunch one day and it was sitting on my desk."

Webb, who lives in the Fifth Congressional District, said he would have supported Mrs. Holt against Fornos in the Fourth District because "I don't like his brand of politics."

Webb said the flyer "wasn't originally for the Holt campaign at all." Asked how he knew that, Webb said that after he first saw the flyer, he "inquired further into it" but "I don't recall who I asked about it."

Duckett stressed that he has no evidence at this time linking Mrs. Holt or members of her immediate campaign staff to the unattributed flyers. Asked about the possibility of Webb's involvement, he said, "I can't comment on that for obvious reasons."

Asked about McKeever, Duckett said, "I'm not saying that he did it and I'm not saying that he didn't. Our investigation in Prince George's is not as advanced as in Anne Arundel," Duckett said.

Fornos said he believes the flyer had an important effect on the 1972 election. He was badly beaten by Mrs. Holt. He said he brought his complaint to Duckett at this time "because the climate of Watergate will make people listen."

Fornos, 39, was born in Leipzig, Germany, and admitted candidly during the Congressional campaign that he had attempted to enter the United States illegally four times before he was finally given citizenship by a special act of Congress in 1953.