

## Nixon Campaign Figure

# Gulf Vice President Resignation Revealed

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PITTSBURGH, March 19 (AP)—Claude C. Wild Jr., the Gulf Oil Corp. lobbyist who pleaded guilty to funneling \$100,000 of Gulf's funds to President Nixon's re-election campaign, has resigned.

Wild's resignation as a corporate vice president, effective March 1, was disclosed Monday in a proxy statement mailed to the firm's 300,000 shareholders in advance of Gulf's annual meeting April 23.

In answer to political questions raised by the Project on Corporate Responsibility, Inc., a Washington-based organization which holds two shares of stock in the firm, Gulf said that Wild has resigned and that the corporation's board of directors "is considering, but to date has not determined,

whether to seek reimbursement from such former officer (Wild) for the fine and other expenses incurred by it." Gulf was fined \$5000, Wild \$1000.

The firm's "responsible corporate officials" have been ordered to declare in writing every year that they are abiding by rules against using corporate money for "illegal political purposes." Gulf said.

In addition to the illegal contribution in 1972 to the Committee for the Re-election of the President, Wild pleaded guilty to giving gifts of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively, to the Democratic presidential nomination campaigns of Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington and Rep. Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas.

The money was returned to the corporation in each case.