

Dole's Charges

GOP Wants McG Probe

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Republican National Chairman Robert Dole called today for a federal investigation into George McGovern's campaign finances, claiming seven "serious violations" of the 1971 law requiring disclosure of political donations and expenditures.

Dole made the charge and request in a letter to the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, which last week said it had found nine possible violations of the same law by President Nixon's re-election team and asked the Justice Department to consider criminal prosecution.

Dole urged the GAO's Office of Federal Elections to conduct a "similar inquiry into McGovern's financial operations, saying there was "substantial evidence" to indicate violations that "could amount to several hundred thousand dollars in non-reported and improperly reported campaign funds."

McG invites

McGovern has said he would welcome such a GAO audit.

Dole charged four basic types of Democratic fund violations:

- Failure to report large donations from wealthy sources.
- Failure to list names and other information about contributors, as required by the law.
- Transfer of funds from unregistered political committees.
- Possible receipt of illegal contributions from abroad.

After receiving Dole's letter, Philip S. Hughes, director of the GAO's Office of Federal Elections, said he has been expecting the request and already had geared up his staff to begin an audit of McGovern's campaign.

Already Known

Hughes said "some of the instances" mentioned by Dole were known to his office and all would be investigated just as thoroughly as those which led to the probe of Nixon's organization.

"It seems that evenhandedness requires that we go at the McGovern finan-

cial structure and records much the same way," he said.

Dole alleged these "devious cover-ups" by McGovern's organization:

- It did not report contributions of \$10,000 on June 7 from a London-based group called "Americans for McGovern Abroad."

- A group called "California Citizens for Fair Share" placed a half-page advertisement May 5 in the Los Angeles Times to announce its endorsement of McGovern and then waited more than the permitted 10 days to notify the GAO office of the action, which Dole said must have lost several thousand dollars.

- It failed to report the identities of some persons for whom the McGovern campaign purchased \$2000 in tickets for a rally for the candidate at Madison Square Garden.

- Reports by "the Committee for Good Government" in the District of Columbia "transferred out" about \$8000 more than the McGovern For President Committee said it received from the group.

- Apparently failed to register three McGovern funding committees in New York. Together, Dole said they were shown to have passed \$7000 along to the McGovern for President Committee in New York.

- Records available to the public show that Stewart Mott, a wealthy General Motors heir and contributor to Democratic candidates had provided McGovern's campaign with \$38,000 in donations and \$160,000 in loans.

Dole said "it has generally been reported in the press" that Mott has contributed \$377,500 and he suggested the rest had not been reported by McGovern's organization.

'Cover Up'

"The McGovern campaign committees have apparently attempted to cover up such large contributions in their effort to build an image of receiving most of their money from small contributors," Dole said.

"They should not, however, be permitted to flaunt the federal campaign act in pursuit of their public relations goals."