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Indictments Returned on Agnew Dinner

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 21—

A state grand jury today indicted for conspiracy several members of a committee that organized a testimonial dinner for Vice President Agnew last year.

Those indicted, whose names were not released immediately, were accused of conspiring to falsify the records of the dinner to hide a \$49,900 contribution from President Nixon's campaign funds.

Warren B. Duckett Jr., the state prosecutor at Annapolis, said the names of those indicted would not be made known publicly until Thursday, when they are scheduled to be arraigned. He declined to say how many persons had been indicted.

The dinner honoring Mr. Agnew was held at the Hilton Hotel in Baltimore on May 19, 1972. Many of the ticket buyers,

who paid up to \$2,500 to attend the dinner, are now being investigated by the Federal authorities in Baltimore in connection with a kickback scheme. The treasurer of the "Salute to Ted Agnew Dinner," B. H. Wharton, a Baltimore banker, was indicted in June for perjury, falsification of records

and violation of state election laws.

A report by Mr. Wharton on receipts of the dinner showed \$192,358 from the sale of tickets.

The total included the \$49,900 donated from President Nixon's campaign funds, but the names of 31 persons were shown as being the source of this money.

An amended retort, deleting those 31 names and showing the Committee for the Re-election of the President as the source of the \$49,900, was filed with the General Accounting Office this last spring, almost a year after the dinner.

Mr. Wharton has pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges brought against him.

The conspiracy indictment returned today alleges that those charged failed to report the names of campaign contributors, keep accurate accounts of campaign funds, give receipts to campaign contributors and file accurate reports.

Adhesive Suit Filed

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 21 (AP)—A \$2-million lawsuit was filed against the 3-M Company, Borden, Inc., and Crown Industrial Products today by a woman who alleges that spray adhesives manufactured by the three companies caused chromosomal damage and possible defects to any children she may have. The suit said that Mrs. Pam Logan, who used the spray adhesives, had been examined by Dr. J. Rodman Seely of the University of Oklahoma, and that Dr. Seely had found chromosomal damage.