

Oil Firms' Gifts To Nixon Cited

Washington

President Nixon cannot effectively deal with the energy crisis because oil interests gave his re-election campaign more than \$4.9 million, Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday.

"The big oil companies have Mr. Nixon in a double hammer-lock," said Aspin. "After their massive contributions there is little he can do to control them."

His remarks accompanied the congressman's release of a 58-page study showing

that 413 directors, senior officials and stockholders in 178 oil companies contributed to Mr. Nixon's 1972 campaign.

He said he will turn the study over to the Senate Watergate committee.

He noted that three oil companies — Gulf, Phillips and Ashland — have admitted illegally donating a total of \$300,000 in corporate funds to the campaign. The contributions were returned later.

Gulf Oil officials, Aspin said, were the biggest contributors, giving \$1.17 million.

He listed the following as the campaign's largest contributors among oil interests:

Amerada Hess Corp., \$261,956; Getty Oil Co., \$179,292; Standard Oil of California, \$166,000; Sun Oil Co., \$157,798; Pan Ocean Oil Corp., \$137,036; Phillips Petroleum Co., \$137,000; Exxon, \$127,747; the Williams Cos., \$117,596; Shaheen Natural Resources, \$104,000, and Ashland Oil, Inc., \$103,500.

Also, said Aspin, members of the National Petroleum Council contributed \$1.2 million to the campaign.

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