

From AP story; clipping not kept.

ern
public
ent in its
ed one prefer-
ter another to the oil
and coal and power giants, al-
lowed pollution to run wild,
encouraged monopoly and ig-
nored the consumer."

Before election day, McGov-
ern said, "we should be told
which Texas oil millionaire
monopolists kicked in to the
elect the President.

McGovern also plunged Sun-

day into another debate with
a Nixon aide, this time Secre-
tary of Defense Melvin R.
Laird on the issue of three
American prisoners of war of-
fered release but still in Ha-
noi.

"I REGRET very much that
the administration seems at
least to be playing politics
with the three prisoners of
war that Hanoi has already
offered to release," McGovern
said in Queens, N.Y.

He said nothing in the Gene-
va prisoner-of-war accords re-
quires that the men "be
turned over for military brief-
ings" or go through "a long
period of indoctrination or
briefing or debriefing.

"So I call on Secretary
Laird, I call on the President

of the United States to let
these three men come home
just as quickly as possible,"
McGovern said.

Laird, through a Pentagon
spokesman said McGovern
"apparently is willing to act
as an agent for Hanoi."

"It is a despicable act of a
presidential candidate to
make himself a spokesman
for the enemy," the Laird
statement said.

24 SEP