

Both Parties Call for Campaign \$ Probes

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Democrats are calling for an independent investigation of the arrests at their national HQ.

Republicans want Sen. George McGovern's campaign financing investigated.

These counter challenges developed following a report last weekend by the General Accounting Office, congressional investigative agency, that charged the Committee to Re-Elect the President with 11 "apparent or possible" violations of campaign laws in the handling of \$350,000 in contributions.

The GAO said \$114,000 of the campaign funds was deposited in the bank account of Bernard Barker, one of five men arrested with elaborate electronic gear June 17 in the Democratic Party offices. Barker is a former employe of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Ask the Fox?

Referring to the Justice Department investigation, McGovern's political director Frank Mankiewicz said yesterday, "In a well-ordered society you don't ask the fox who got into the chicken coop."

Mankiewicz said a special prosecutor should be appointed, independent of the Justice Department, "since people in or near the administration are obviously involved . . . Mr. Nixon is now

sitting on a major scandal . . . that affects the entire Administration."

Maurice Stans, former commerce secretary who now directs Nixon fund-

raising, insists he has no idea how the money got into Barker's account.

Stans called yesterday for a GAO investigation of McGovern's campaign organization, "which we have reason to believe will be very revealing."

At a news conference this morning, McGovern said he would welcome a GOA investigation.

"Mr. Stans doesn't have to go to the newspapers and whine about an investigation," McGovern said. "He just has to file a complaint."

Stans denied any violations by the Committee to Re-elect the President. The GAO findings were referred to the Justice Department. Stans said the GAO had been pressured by "McGovern campaign operatives" into rushing into print what he called an incomplete, loosely drawn report.

"The only point in the report which under a strained construction . . . might indicate a technical violation

was the expenditure of a \$2500 expense in cashing certain checks," Stans said. "Without conceding a violation, the committee is promptly amending its June 10 report to include this \$2500 expenditure."

Four Nixon campaign checks worth \$89,000 were drawn on a Mexico City bank and deposited in Barker's account, the GAO report said. The other \$25,000 that found its way to Barker's account was a campaign gift from a Minneapolis investor, the report added.

Conviction under the election finance law, a Justice Department spokesman said, would result in maximum penalties of a \$1000 fine and one year in jail for each count.

In the current investigation of Republican campaign finances by the GAO there is no indication that charges will be brought and, if they are, how many counts would be involved.