

Dole Accuses McGovern Drive Of 7 New 'Serious' Violations

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (UPI)—Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas, the Republican National Chairman, accused the McGovern campaign today of seven new "serious" violations of law, including the use of dummy committees to let wealthy contributors avoid paying taxes on their gifts.

At the same time, he asked the Justice Department to investigate whether "criminal charges are appropriate" against the Democratic Presidential nominee, Senator George McGovern, and Walter F. Fauntroy, the District of Columbia's nonvoting delegate to Congress, for allegedly making an illegal political deal at the Democratic National Convention at Miami Beach in July.

Included was a charge that Hugh Hefner, publisher of Playboy magazine, had contributed at least \$50,000 to the McGovern campaign but had escaped paying taxes on the contributions by giving small amounts through dummy committees.

Mr. Dole outlined his charges in a letter to Philip S. Hughes, director of the Office of Federal Elections in the General Accounting Office. Last Wednesday, he wrote Mr. Hughes a similar letter asking him to investigate "seven serious violations" of the new campaign funding law by the McGovern organization, a request that Mr. Hughes promptly granted.

The new letter, made public today, was dated last Friday.

The accusations were immediately denounced by Frank Mankiewicz, political director of the McGovern campaign, as "contemptible and totally lacking in substance." He pointed out that on Aug. 26 the G.A.O. reported finding nine "apparent or possible" violations of the funding law by the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President and that President Nixon

had refused to reveal the source of \$10-million in campaign funds accumulated before the law went into effect April 7.

"It is appalling, incredible and even laughable that, in the face of all that, his spokesmen should raise these false charges against us," Mr. Mankiewicz said in a statement.

"I wish to call to your attention seven more serious violations of the [financing] act and other laws regarding elections," Mr. Dole wrote. "These further apparent violations confirm my belief that McGovern is playing fast and loose with the election laws and deceiving the American public by not revealing the true facts of his campaign financing."

Specifically, Mr. Dole alleged the following:

¶ Failure to report \$248,000 of the \$350,000 or more that a Los Angeles businessman, Max Palevsky, is believed by the G.O.P. to have contributed.

Establishment of dummy committees so Mr. Hefner and "one or two other large contributors" could escape Federal taxes levied on political donations in excess of \$3,000 by making several smaller contributions. He said Mr. Hefner had donated "at least \$50,000" to the McGovern campaign this way.

¶ Failure to file required reports five days before Sargent Shriver was selected as Mr. McGovern's running mate.

Mr. Dole also said that the National Labor Committee for the Election of McGovern-Shriver had failed to register as the law requires. And he suggested that the 26 unions listed as committee sponsors in advertisements in The New York Times and The Washington Post on Aug. 25 may have violated laws forbidding union contributions to political campaigns.