

NYTimes McGovern's Aides Deny Charges by Dole

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 5—Spokesmen for Senator George McGovern issued a point-by-point denial today of new charges by Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas, chairman of the Republican National Committee, that the Democratic Presidential candidate had committed at least as many violations of the Federal campaign finance law as Mr. McGovern has accused the campaign committees of President Nixon of doing.

According to Government officials required to examine the charges and enforce the law, the debate over campaign financing has turned from who gets what from whom to which party's cries of irregularity contained more validity.

Meanwhile, officials said, violations of the campaign finance law abound.

Nonpartisan Government experts said privately in interviews today that the Republicans appeared to have committed campaign finance violations. Most of the anti-McGovern allegations were described as "technical."

But officials at the General Accounting Office, the Government agency charged with the administration of the new Federal Election Campaign Act as it relates to financing Presidential campaigns, said that the anti-McGovern accusations would be given the same "thorough examination" as had earlier Democratic charges against the Nixon campaign.

The G.A.O. had said that "apparent and possible violations" of the campaign act had been committed by the Presidential re-election committee of the alleged McGovern violations to the Justice Department for further action.

The preliminary assessment the alleged McGovern viola-

tions reportedly was that they were "technical" except for one, and that the McGovern treasurers would be "hit hard" in a critical public report on that one.

Investigating officials would discuss neither the details of the anti-McGovern charges nor the data filed under the new law by McGovern aides, which will now be screened by G.A.C. auditors. But a McGovern spokesman discussed the charge as follows:

¶Senator Dole's charge that Hugh Hefner, publisher of Playboy magazine, had given \$50,000 to the McGovern campaign in units of \$3,000, distributed to many different campaign finance committees to avoid the Federal gift tax on contributions of more than \$3,000, was not denied. "But people who live in glass houses should not throw stones," a McGovern aide said.

For the same purpose the Finance Committee to Re-elect President Nixon was disclosed last February to be soliciting large contributions in scattered \$3,000 units to such separate committees as Loyal Americans for Government Reform, the Stable Society Committee and United Friends of Government Reform.

The Republican committees' donors and receipts before the April 7 effective date of the new campaign finance law have never been disclosed. They receipts have been estimated to exceed \$10-million.

Max Palevsky, the California electronics millionaire, has given Senator McGovern \$102,000 and lent him \$230,000 since April 7, \$200,000 of which McGovern aides said was reported by the Senator's California finance committee and \$30,000 of which was disclosed in reports filed by his national committee. Including \$102,000 given or lent before

April 7, the total of Mr. Palevsky's gifts and loans since Jan. 1 was said to be \$434,000, all properly reported and disclosed according to McGovern spokesmen.

Senator Dole had charged a failure to report \$248,000 of the \$350,000 that he said Mr. Palevsky had contributed or lent to the McGovern campaign.

McGovern aides said that the G.A.O. held that the second nominating convention or "mini-convention" of the Democrats to formalize the choice of Sargent Shriver as Mr. McGovern's Vice-Presidential running mate was not a "convention" under the law, requiring 15-day and 5-day preliminary financial disclosures, but a meeting of the Democratic National Committee.

Senator Dole had charged an illegal failure to file "preconvention" reports.

The McGovern rebuttal also said that, whether or not it had committed any infractions, the National Labor Committee for the Election of McGovern was an "independent committee" not under the control of the Senator's campaign organization. Senator Dole had said that the Group had failed to register, as required by law.

The rebuttal also said that an advertisement that a pro-McGovern labor union placed in The New York Times and The Washington Post on Aug. 25 was paid for by individuals and not illegally with union funds, as Senator Dole had suggested.

The McGovern statement also denied that there had been any use of the Senator's mail franking privilege for campaign purposes. And it called "completely untrue" Senator Dole's charge of "deals" involving money or promises of judge-ship for blacks in return for endorsements by black groups.