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Judge Fines Nixon Panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President was fined \$8,000 today for illegally spending money during last year's presidential campaign.

U.S. District Court Judge George L. Hart Jr. gave the maximum fine to President Nixon's fund-raising arm after Kenneth Parkinson, attorney for the committee, entered a plea of *nolo contendere* which means neither guilty or innocent.

Hart fined the committee \$1,000 for each of the eight counts in the criminal information over the objections of the U.S. Atty. Walter Barnes.

The Justice Department filed the information against the President's finance committee Jan. 11, charging that the panel, through treasurer Hugh P. Sloan, gave legal counsel G. Gordon Liddy, cash sums in the amount of \$12,000, \$12,000 and \$5,300, for a total of \$29,300, without a receipt.

The committee was charged in three counts with failing to report those expenditures to the General Accounting Office and with failing to obtain a receipt for and make a GAO report on an additional \$2,000 Liddy spent.

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