

G.O.P. in Nebraska Says \$10,000 Check Is Missing

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LINCOLN, Neb., May 27—A \$10,000 check reportedly sent to the Committee for the Re-election of the President last June by the Nebraska Republican party was never cashed and is still missing, two state Republican officials acknowledged yesterday.

Last December, a month after the election, a stop payment order on the check was made in Omaha.

Last month, the \$10,000 was transferred from a special account to the Douglas County (Omaha) Republican Central Committee's account.

The Nebraska Republican party's executive committee will meet next Saturday to decide what to do about the money.

The money was raised in connection with a \$100-a-plate dinner last June 10 in Omaha, at which Vice President Agnew was the main speaker.

Condition Cited

Richard L. Herman of Omaha, the Nebraska Republican national committeeman, said that one of the conditions laid down by the Committee for the Re-election of the President for Mr. Agnew's appearance was that \$10,000 be sent to the Nixon campaign organization.

Glenn Wilson, the Nebraska Republican executive secretary, said the check was mailed on June 12, two days after the dinner.

Mr. Herman confirmed that John Shonsey, the Douglas County Republican finance chairman, directed a stop-payment of the check in mid-December.

"Six months is long enough for a check to be out," Mr. Herman said. He added that he had not handled any of the funds, and said the check probably had been lost.

The stop-payment order was apparently not known for some months by others in the party's state headquarters, however.

Mr. Wilson said he was not aware of the situation until a group of auditors from the General Accounting Office came to Lincoln recently to review the party's 1972 financial record.

The auditors spotted the report of the \$10,000 contribution to the Nixon campaign committee. But there was no canceled check and, Mr. Wilson said, officials of the Committee for the Re-election of the President maintained that the Nebraska contribution was never received.

After the stop-payment order was made, the \$10,000 remained in a special bank account set up by the state party

to handle income and expenditures involving the Agnew dinner.

Mr. Wilson said the money was transferred last month to the Douglas County Republican Central Committee's account.

The Agnew dinner was co-sponsored by the Nebraska Republican party and the Douglas County Central Committee. One of the agreements, according to Mr. Wilson, was that the state organization would receive 55 per cent of the income from the dinner after all other expenses, including the \$10,000 Nixon campaign donation, had been paid. The county committee would receive the remainder.

Under the terms of this agreement, \$5,500 of the \$10,000 donation would be transferred to the state party's account, Mr. Wilson said.

The 1972 Nixon campaign committee in Nebraska was headed by George Cook, an insurance executive from Lincoln and father of G. Bradford Cook, who resigned on May 16 as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission in the wake of allegations that he had deleted references to a secret \$200,000 contribution to the President's re-election campaign from an S.E.C. complaint against Robert L. Vesco, a New Jersey financier recently indicted by a Federal grand jury in New York.

The elder Mr. Cook was active in raising funds for the Nixon campaign organization, and he acknowledged on a television program last year that he and his wife had contributed \$10,000 to the Nixon campaign.