

Six Md. Republicans Tell Jury About \$50,000 Agnew Event Aid

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ANNAPOLIS, June 12—Six prominent Maryland Republicans testified today before an Anne Arundel County grand jury investigating the reported manipulation of \$50,000 in Nixon campaign funds that were used to inflate the proceeds from a 1972 testimonial dinner for Vice President Agnew.

The grand jury, which handed down no indictments, is scheduled to reconvene Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The investigation was launched after Alexander M. Lankler Jr., Maryland State GOP chairman, admitted last week that \$50,000 was borrowed from the Nixon campaign fund to make the "take" from the May 19, 1972, Agnew testimonial seem larger than it really was. The true source of the money was concealed by listing the money as contributions from 31 contributors who in fact had not given the money.

Among these who testified before the grand jury today was Mrs. Harvey Meyerhoff, a prominent Baltimore-area Republican, who was chairman of the testimonial committee. Lankler said last week that he had turned over the \$50,000 to Mrs. Meyerhoff shortly before the testimonial.

He said that the money was then run through the testimonial committee and eventually returned to the Nixon campaign finance

committee in Washington.

Mrs. Meyerhoff testified for about an hour and a half.

Others who testified were Rolph Townshend Jr., treasurer of Rep. Marjorie Holt's congressional campaign; Mr. and Mrs. Hermann K. Intemann, former Holt campaign workers and donors to the Agnew testimonial; Mrs. John W. Steffey, the wife of the treasurer of the Maryland Committee for the Re-Election of the President, and Mrs. J. Walter Jones, whose husband is one of Agnew's close friends and a major Maryland Republican fund raiser.

Deputy State's Attorney Martin Wolff today succeeded Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Raymond G. Thieme Jr. as head of the probe after Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel announced the appointment of Thieme as a District Court judge. Thieme said the appointment would have no effect on the investigation. Meanwhile, it was learned yesterday that the organizers of the Agnew testimonial formed yet another campaign committee and registered this one in Washington with the General Accounting Office and the clerk of the House.

The GAO reports show that the D.C. committee raised \$23,500 from five major contributors and spent or transferred all of it. Of that, \$10,531.62, the report shows, was used to charter

a DC-9 jetliner from Continental Airlines of Los Angeles to fly some Hollywood stars from the West Coast to Baltimore to entertain or attend the banquet.

Among those on the chartered flight, a Continental spokesman said, were Bob Hope and Jimmie Stewart. Other reports on file in Annapolis and elsewhere, showed expenses for flying other stars to Baltimore from the West Coast and additional expenses for the air fares of companions for such entertainers as Ray Bolger.

In fact, of the \$116,370 the two committees reported raising from the testimonial, \$52,624.10 went for expenses. The remainder was disbursed to other campaign committees.

The D.C. committee was registered with GAO on May 30—11 days after the Agnew testimonial. It could not be determined yesterday why the separate committee was formed. Florenz R. Ourisman, the treasurer of the committee, could not be reached for comment. Ourisman, of Bethesda, is a former owner of Ourisman Chevrolet, an area car dealer. The committee's secretary, Douglas Parker, said he did not know why the committee was organized.

At the time, Parker was a law associate of Lankler but left the Lankler firm in February to go to work at the White House. He is now an

Young to Face Ellsberg Panel

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, June 12

—Former White House aide David Young has agreed to accept a subpoena and appear as a witness at a county grand jury probe into the burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, the district attorney's office said today.

Young, previously considered a reluctant witness, sent word of his willingness to testify through his Los Angeles attorney, Irwin Woodland.

A spokesman for Dist. Atty. Joseph Busch said Young is expected to testify Thursday at 10 a.m.

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assistant to Presidential Counsel Leonard Garment.

According to the GAO report, the committee received: Mrs. Duane (Clementine) L. Peterson, Baltimore, \$5,000; Harvey M. Meyerhoff, Baltimore, \$500; Bernard Lasker, a New York stock broker, \$3,000; William McBride Love, St. Louis, \$5,000; and Louis C. Fisher, Valley Brook Farm, Pa., \$10,000.

In an interview, Parker, the committee's former secretary, said he recalled signing some checks for the committee, but could not remember for what purpose. He said the committee might have been formed simply for the sake of proximity—to have someone close to Lankler who could sign checks.