

Agnew Fund Suspect Gives Up

Annapolis, Md.

A prominent Maryland banker, indicted on charges of filing false financial reports involving a fund-raising affair for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew last year, surrendered to authorities yesterday.

B. H. Wharton, vice president of Maryland National Bank, was accused of listing \$50,000 in "seed money" for the May 1972, "Salute to Ted Agnew" in Baltimore as coming from private donations when actually it was a loan from the Committee to Re-elect the President.

The loan was revealed by Hugh Sloan during the Senate Watergate hearings.

The four-count indictment

accuses Wharton, 52, of filing a false affidavit regarding financing of the affair, unlawfully reporting details of the financial transaction, failing to identify the source of the funds and failing to report receipt of "valuable things" used in the salute, such as cold hors d'oeuvres, bar mixes, a fresh fruit display and gratuities.

Wharton was indicted last week after several persons testified to a grand jury that they were falsely listed as contributors to the affair. Alexander Lankler, state GOP chairman, has said the deception was designed to make the affair, which featured such standouts as Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra, appear more successful than it was.



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The loan was repaid to the re-election committee.

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