

Nixon Campaign Pledges

Funds Aiding Watergate Defense

Money still coming in to the Committee to Re-elect the President is being used for legal defense of committee members tangled in the Watergate affair, a spokesman for the committee revealed in Palo Alto yesterday.

DeVan Shumway, director of communications for President Nixon's re-election campaign, told a luncheon of local editors that the money is from pledges still outstanding and that it is being

used for legal defense only of those so far not indicted in the Watergate burglary.

Shumway declined to say how much money was involved or to specify for whose legal defense it is being used, although he indicated it is for attorneys representing witnesses called to testify either before a federal grand jury or the U.S. Senate committee.

The former Sacramento bureau chief for United Press International conceded to the 100 editors at the

luncheon in Rickey's Hyatt House that "I'm afraid I wasn't much help"

"I never felt any information I gave out was false," Shumway said. "I was not told all the truth all the time. I based my statements on facts given to me by people I believed were telling the truth."

Up until two months ago, he said, "I felt fully convinced the whole thing began and ended with Gordon Liddy (one of those involved

in the Watergate burglary)."

Even now, Shumway added, "It is my sincere belief that the President had no foreknowledge of the Watergate affair and clearly had no knowledge of the cover-up."

Shumway also revealed that he felt the rigging of a television poll to show support for the administration's decision to mine Halphong harbor last year was "morally justified" because the administration was at the

time involved in touchy negotiations to end the Vietnam conflict.



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