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BANKER DENIES GUILT IN G.O.P. FUND CASE

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 25—
Blagden H. Wharton, treasurer
of a Republican fund-raising
committee in Maryland, pleaded
not guilty Monday to charges
that he filed false financial re-
ports on a dinner honoring Vice
President Agnew.

Mr. Wharton was released
in his own recognizance by
Chief Judge Matthew S. Evans
of the Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court, who set a trial
for Sept. 19.

The charges against Mr.
Wharton, a vice president of
the Maryland National Bank,
grew out of disclosures at the
Senate Watergate hearings that
the Finance Committee to re-
elect the President had lent the
Maryland Committee \$50,000.

Mr. Wharton and Alexander
M. Lankler, the state Repub-
lican chairman, have acknowl-
edged in interviews that the
money was falsely listed in
reports to the Maryland elec-
tion board as 32 contributions.

Mr. Lankler said that this
was done to create an inflated
impression of financial support
for the May, 1972, dinner hon-
oring the Vice President. The
money raised was used in the
Presidential and Maryland Con-
gressional campaigns.