

GOP, Leftists And Secret Funds

Sacramento

Several Republican state legislators may be implicated in illegal secret payments to left-wing candidates during the 1972 California election, a spokesman for Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. said yesterday.

As many as ten Peace and Freedom party candidates received secret campaign funds from Republicans last year in violation of California campaign reporting laws, said Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Quinn.

Quinn, heading an investigation for Brown, said it may be another week before results are known.

He said the money involved might be less than \$5000, but added: "Our concern is not so much the amount of dollars spent, but that there was a secret effort by the Republican party to affect the elections. These expenditures were not reported on campaign expenditure statements as they should have been," he said.

Quinn refused to name the individuals under investigation by his office. But he said "it appears there may be incumbent legislators who were involved — Republicans."

He said some Peace and Freedom party candidates also may have violated Cali-

fornia law by failing to report the contributions. But Quinn said that phase of his investigation is just beginning.

He said his investigation was opened after the New York Times said Monday that about \$3500 was spent by an employee of the California Assembly GOP caucus for filing fees and campaign expenses of seven Peace and Freedom party candidates for Assembly and congressional seats.

That employee, Frank DeLong, has been reported on vacation in Oregon since publication of the Times story and has not commented.

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