

'Monday' Folds--**GOP Funds Short**

Washington

Monday, the lively Republican weekly publication, has become the latest victim of Watergate.

In a letter to party contributors, GOP national chairman George Bush announced that the Republican National Committee had ceased publication of Monday because "during the past several weeks the Republican National Committee has suffered a severe decline in contributions."

The end of the controversial party organ came over the protest of its editor, John D. Lofton, who has announced that he is leaving the national committee in September to become a columnist for United Features Syndicate.

"At a time that things are going badly, we ought to be

slugging harder than ever," said Lofton.

But it cost the National Committee \$25,000 a week to prepare and mail Monday to the 285,000 Republican contributors who give \$25 dollars or more annually. And in the party's present pattern of declining revenues, Bush decided that this was more than the national committee could bear.

"The reasons for this decline in financial support are obvious and I don't believe I need to go into detail about them," Bush said in his letter to contributor. "It is unfortunate that the Republican National Committee should suffer from allegations and innuendo directed at others for acts in which no one even remotely connected with this committee took part." *Washington Post*