

Nixon Campaign Group to Reveal Source of Funds

Sacramento

The California Secretary of State's office announced yesterday that President Nixon's 1972 campaign organization has agreed to disclose the source of millions of dollars in secret funds raised before a new federal law took effect April 7, 1972.

Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr., a Democrat, said detailed reports covering both contributions and expenditures will be filed with his office by September 28.

Brown said the reports will cover all funds raised and spent prior to April 7, 1972, including transactions that occurred outside California. Funds raised and spent after that date already have been disclosed.

"Testimony before the Senate Watergate committee has revealed that Nixon fund raisers made a special effort to obtain contributions prior to April 7 under the mistaken belief that money raised during that period need not be made public," Brown said.

Brown added that "although federal law may not require disclosure of pre-April 7 contributions, California law clearly does require full disclosure of campaign donations — no matter when they were received."

Brown, a contender for the 1974 Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said Nix-

on campaign money raised and spent outside this state must be included in reports filed with his office because it is impossible to separate California from non-California money.

"Funds raised in California were sometimes spent outside the state and funds raised elsewhere were sometimes used to pay California campaign expenses," Brown said.

"It is therefore impossible to isolate 'California' money and the Nixon committees have agreed to file reports covering the entire national campaign.

"All financial activities of the Nixon campaign will now be brought into the open and the public will finally receive a full accounting of how money was raised and spent."

In his dealings with the Nixon campaign committees Brown worked primarily with attorney Nicholas McConnell, whose Washington law firm represents the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President.

The Finance Committee was the chief money handler for the campaign organization.

Brown said these groups also would furnish campaign statements: the Radio Committee to Re-Elect the President, the Television Committee to Re-elect the President, the Media Committee to Re-elect the President, the Host for President Committee and the Victory '71 Dinner Committee.

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