

'More Indictments'

In Agnew Case

Annapolis, Md.

A county grand jury returned more indictments yesterday in connection with the filing of allegedly fraudulent financial reports for a 1972 fundraising dinner for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, but court officials refused to say how many persons were involved.

Anne Arundel county state's attorney, Walter Duckett referred several times to "they" when discussing the defendants named in the county grand jury indictments. But he said he would not identify them until they are arraigned, probably later this week.

Former states attorney Raymond Thieme, who initiated the investigation before he was named to a judgeship, earlier said he anticipated "seven or eight" indictments.

Duckett and an assistant states attorney, Martin Wolff, said the indictments charged a conspiracy in reports filed with the state elections board.

The reports indicated

\$50,000 for the "Salute to Ted Agnew" was contributed by individual donors, although actually the money was a loan from the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

Alexander Lankler, the state Republican chairman who testified before the grand jury without immunity, admitted the false report.

Lankler said the false reports were made to make the fund raiser appear more successful than it was. The dinner featured such entertainers as Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra.

B. H. Wharton, treasurer of the salute committee and vice president of the Maryland National Bank, was indicted by the grand jury on four counts earlier this summer.

Duckett and Wolff said the investigation of the Agnew dinner is nearly finished. They said more information would be presented at the final session of the grand jury on August 28, but that no more indictments would be returned.

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