

7 Members of an Indicted Agnew Panel Are Identified

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 22 — Seven prominent Maryland Republicans, all friends or supporters of Vice President Agnew, were identified by the state prosecutor here today as members of a committee indicted yesterday for conspiracy to conceal a \$49,900 contribution to an Agnew testimonial last year.

The state's attorney said there was "no evidence" that Mr. Agnew had been aware of the alleged violation of the Maryland campaign finance law.

Warren B. Duckett Jr., the Anne Arundel County state's attorney, said in disclosing the seven names at a news conference that none of them had been individually indicted because both the prosecutor's staff and the grand jury here had concluded that "the fairest method would be to indict the committee as an entity."

The seven committee members were made collective defendants, Mr. Duckett said, "because it was the determination and conclusion of my office . . . that the allegations in the indictment were best laid to these individuals."

He said that others, not named today, could be included among the defendants later.

Seven Are Named

Those named by the state's attorney were:

Mrs. Charles G. Bresler of Chevy Chase, Md., a Washington suburb. She is the wife of a wealthy Washington and Maryland land developer who was a losing candidate for state controller on Mr. Agnew's 1966 Maryland gubernatorial ticket and was later an Agnew aide when Mr. Agnew became Governor in 1967. His 1966 campaign records reportedly have been subpoenaed, along with those of Mr. Agnew, by the United States Attorney's office in Baltimore.

J. Walter Jones of Annapolis, a former Democrat who has been a perennial Agnew fund raiser and political and investment adviser, and was a vice chairman last year of the Republicans' national fund-raising organization, the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President. Mr. Jones is chairman of the Chesapeake National Bank of Towson and Annapolis, Md., which he helped organize in 1964.

Alexander M. Lankler of Bethesda, Md., the state Republican chairman, who first confirmed the concealment of the \$49,900 transfer to the Agnew benefit committee from the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President following newspaper reports that the funds had been falsely credited to non-contributors in the Agnew committee's financial reports.

Mrs. Harvey M. Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, wife of a prominent land developer. She served as chairman of the Salute to Ted Agnew Night Committee.

The Rev. Roy E. Pfautch of St. Louis, whose company, Civic Services, Inc., was hired by the Agnew committee as a consultant in supervising the benefit. Mr. Pfautch also was manager of the 1970 campaign in Maryland of United States Senator J. Glenn Beall, which reportedly received \$250,000 in secret White House funds. John W. Steffey of Severna Park, Md., a former Maryland state senator and one of the state's foremost real estate developers.

Blagdon H. Wharton of Lutherville, Md., a Baltimore suburb, a vice president of the Maryland National Bank on leave of absence from that post since his indictment last June 13 by the same grand jury for perjury and falsifi-

cation of records. He was treasurer of the Salute to Ted

Agnew Night Committee. He has pleaded not guilty to charges in the earlier indictment.

Others Identified

Mr. Duckett, the prosecutor, identified two other members of the Agnew committee — not mentioned in the indictment — as Tilton H. Dobbin, a former president of the Maryland National Bank who is now Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Miss Louise Gore of Bethesda, a prominent wealthy Maryland Republican who is the state's National Committeewoman and is United States representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

He said that the committee members listed in the group's allegedly falsified financial

had totalled 17, and that still others had been named in the program distributed at the Agnew benefit on May 19, 1972. The Salute to Ted Agnew Night was a \$100-to-\$500-a-ticket fund raising evening with Frank Sinatra and Bob Hope, staged at Baltimore's Lyric Theater. The Agnew committee is an unincorporated association under Maryland law. If found guilty, the committee could be fined \$1,000 on each of four counts in the indictment. The committee and apparently all of those identified here today are represented by William G. Hundley, a Washington lawyer. Mr. Hundley failed to return

Grand Jury Meets

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BALTIMORE, Aug. 22 — A Federal grand jury which has

been investigating possible corruption among Maryland state and county officials, met today at the Post Office building and heard testimony from five close associates of Dale E. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson is the elected executive of Baltimore County, a job held from 1962 to 1966 by Vice President Agnew. Both men have been under investigation by the United States Attorney for Baltimore, George Beall. The investigation involves allegations of bribery, extortion, fraud and conspiracy.

The grand jury had set a pattern since early January of meeting about once a week. But this week, the pace has picked up with today's session and another scheduled for tomorrow.