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CHICAGO, Oct. 10 (UPI)—
The Agnew Defense Fund offered today to refund donations already made for the defense of the former Vice President.

The fund, headed by W. Stone, a Chicago insurance executive, made the announcement almost immediately after Mr. Agnew's office disclosed that he had resigned and had pleaded no contest to charges of income tax evasion.

A spokesman for the fundisaid Mr. Agnew had sent advance word to the fund's head-quarters that he was stepping down.

The fund's statement said public response to the appeal for money to pay Mr. Agnew's legal fees "has been most encouraging. Mr. Agnew wishes to express his appreciation to those who have responded so generously."

The fund said any requests for refunds should be directed to the Agnew Defense Fund, Suite 200, 22 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill., 60606.