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WILLIAM RENTSCHLER
Illinois campaign manager

Ex-Nixon Vote Official Is Indicted

Chicago

William H. Rentschler, who managed President Nixon's 1968 campaign in Illinois, was named yesterday in a federal indictment charging him with a \$1 million fraud scheme involving banks and a New York City credit union.

Rentschler, 48, a former candy company executive, was charged in a 23-count indictment.

The indictment charged that Rentschler, who unsuccessfully tried for the 1960 and 1970 GOP nomination for U.S. senator, fraudulently obtained loans from 27 banks and the Aetna Business Credit Inc., of New York City. The loans were acquired from 1970 and 1972 and were intended for himself and corporations of which he was an officer or stockholder, the government said.

Rentschler was unavailable for comment, but the Chicago Daily News quoted him as saying, "I will be vindicated. I am not guilty of these charges. This is a regrettable thing for our family."

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