

McGovern

Aide Denies Illegal Gifts

Washington

Henry L. Kimelman, finance chairman for the 1972 presidential campaign of Senator George McGovern, said yesterday that the campaign did not solicit and did not knowingly accept a penny in corporate contributions.

Kimelman quoted President Nixon as saying on television Saturday night: "Neither party was without fault with regard to the financing. They raised \$36 million and some of that, like some of ours, came from corporate sources and was illegal because the law had been changed and apparently people didn't know it."

"That statement is just not true, Kimelman said in a statement issued from McGovern's office.

Kimelman said the Nixon campaign "solicited and obtained millions of dollars in illegal corporate contributions from the top officials of blue chip corporations."

Kimelman added, "The McGovern campaign did not solicit and did not accept contributions from special interests who were motivated to contribute out of fear of the possible consequences of not contributing.

"The Nixon campaign did. Sworn testimony before the Watergate committee bears this out."

"The McGovern campaign did not solicit cash contributions, with the exception of \$1 bills, \$5 bills and \$20 bills contributed by individuals.

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