

New Probe of Gift to Nixon

Washington

Investigators for special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski are probing a \$100,000 gift from the Seafarers union to President Nixon's re-election committee, Time magazine reported yesterday.

The magazine's report came the same day the Seafarers International Union of North America announced Mr. Nixon will address its convention today as part of his public Watergate counter-offensive.

A union spokesman said that Mr. Nixon was invited a week ago to appear before the union but had not given a definite answer. A White House spokesman indicated Mr. Nixon probably will appear.

Paul Hall, Seafarers president, voted against an AFL-CIO Executive Council resolution, at the recent conven-

tion in Miami Beach, that called for Mr. Nixon's resignation or impeachment. Hall said the nation should let "due process" prevail in the President's case.

The Time report said that the same day the \$100,000 from the Seafarers went to the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, the union borrowed \$100,000 from the Chemical Bank of New York. The magazine did not give a source for its information.

It said that "no loan should have been necessary if the money had come from voluntary contributions by members as required by law."

"Moreover, the Nixon committee waited three months to report the union's contribution, though the law clearly states that donations must be reported within 48 hours of receipt," Time said.

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