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JOHN H. MEIER
Tax evasion charge

Ex-Aide To Hughes Indicted

Las Vegas

John H. Meier, former mining consultant for Howard Hughes, was indicted

yesterday with three other persons on charges of income tax evasion and fraud against the federal government.

The government accuses them of shifting huge profits from the deals with Hughes to Swiss bank accounts and to other places in order to avoid paying taxes.

U.S. Attorney Devoe Heaton said the indictment involves sales of mining claims exceeding \$8 million to the Hughes Tool Co., which was then owned by Hughes.

Meier was named in two indictments returned by the Las Vegas federal grand jury on two counts of conspiracy and on two counts of alleged tax evasion for 1969 and 1970.

Last year Meier was indicted for income tax evasion for 1968.

Others indicted along with Meier on a second conspiracy count were Anthony Hattis, 47, and James P. Cowley, 45, both of Salt Lake City, and Robert Kahan, 59, of Los Angeles.

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