

## Ex-Nixon Backer Angers Democrats At Nevada Parley

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RENO, Nev., March 31—A man who identified himself as a former member of the Committee for the Re-election of the President touched off an arm-twisting, tie-pulling, kicking incident at a Democratic convention here last night.

James Mills, a 28-year-old teacher of social psychology at Sierra Nevada College at Lake Tahoe, who said he was a former national field director of the Older Americans Division of the re-election committee, was eventually ejected from the hall.

Mr. Mills, who said that he left the committee on Oct. 15, 1972, two weeks before Presi-

dent Nixon's re-election, appeared at the Washoe County Democratic convention as a delegate and asked to serve on the platform committee. He was soon named chairman of a subcommittee to draft resolutions on national issues, including a statement on the impeachment of the President.

As the convention was drawing to a close, Dr. Glen Atkinson, chairman of the county platform committee, asked Mr. Mills to give up his drafts of the resolution. He told Mr. Mills, "I don't trust you." Mr. Mills refused to turn over the papers.

There was some scuffling and Dr. Atkinson, a University of Nevada economics professor, snatched the papers away. Mr. Mills in turn grabbed Dr. Atkinson's necktie and pulled it.

Several persons tried to subdue Mr. Mills, one of them by twisting his arm from behind.

Mr. Mills screamed several times and started kicking Dr. Atkinson. Police arrived and ejected Mr. Mills.

Mr. Mills said today he had never intended to sabotage the platform. In fact, he said, he supported a stronger statement calling for impeachment of the President than the rest of the committee members.