

# Five Charges on Nixon Contributor

## Washington

C. Arnholt Smith, California financier and large contributor to former President Nixon's re-election campaign, was charged yesterday on five counts of illegal campaign contributions, the Justice Department announced.

The charges, filed in U.S. District Court in San Diego, said Smith made illegal campaign contributions to Mr. Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign and to the 1970 campaign of former senator George Murphy (Rep-Calif.), who was defeated. Conviction on all five charges could carry a total penalty of a year in prison and \$29,000 in fines.

Named in the criminal information with Smith was Sovereign State Capital, Inc., a San Diego financial management firm. The first three counts of the five-count information said Smith and Sovereign State made contributions of \$3000, \$1000 and another \$3000 to Murphy's campaign.

The fourth count charged both with making an illegal \$3000 contribution to a political committee supporting Mr. Nixon's candidacy in 1972. Each of the first four counts accuses Smith and Sovereign of violating feder-

al law barring use of corporate funds for political contributions.

The contributions were made from Sovereign Capital funds, the information said.

The fifth count charged Smith with causing Sovereign State to make a Nixon campaign contribution in the name of Frank A. Thornton, San Diego advertising executive and business associate of Smith. That, the Justice Department said, violated a law prohibiting the making of a contribution in the name of another person.

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