

EX-AIDE TO NIXON PUT ON PROBATION

Jack Gleason Had Pleaded
on Fund-Raising Count

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UPI)—Jack A. Gleason, a former White House aide, was placed on unsupervised probation for one month today for his part in a \$2.8-million fund-raising campaign by associates of Richard M. Nixon in 1970.

Chief United States District Judge George A. Hart handed down the sentence after noting that Mr. Gleason was not a lawyer and had been advised by "a prestigious New York law firm" that his activities were legal.

Meanwhile, three Nixon aides who were convicted in the Watergate cover-up trial filed motions for a judgment of acquittal or a new trial. They were John N. Mitchell, Mr. Nixon's Attorney General and campaign director; H. R. Halde- man, once White House chief of staff, and Robert C. Mardian, former Assitant Attorney General and campaign official.

Mr. Gleason, 38 years old, pleaded guilty Nov. 15th to one count of aiding and abetting a political campaign committee that had no treasurer. The misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000.

Earlier, Herbert W. Kalmbach, who was in Nixon's personal

attorney, and Harry S. Dent, former White House special counsel, pleaded guilty to similar charges in connection with the committee.

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The 1970 operation allegedly distributed \$2.8-million, much of which was raised by Mr. Kalmbach, to various candidates supported by the Nixon Administration in the Congressional elections.

"He did not control the 1970 operation but took his direction from others," Mr. Gleason's attorney, Arthur I. Cantor, told Judge Hart, "He, too, was much more a victim than a perpetrator."

In a short statement to the judge Mr. Gleason said, "I no regret my actions; I regret having violated the law." But he added that "at no point" was he aware that he was breaking the law.

Mr. Dent received an identical sentence from Judge Hart last month. Mr. Kalmbach was freed from prison by Federal District Judge John J. Sirica nine days ago after serving 10 months for two counts lodged against him, including offering an ambassadorship to a contributor.

The motions of the three Nixon aides were filed on the deadline for such applications. The fourth aide convicted in the trial, John D. Ehrlichman, former White House domestic affairs chief filed motions earlier.

Most of the motions for acquittal cited massive pretrial publicity, so-called improper questioning of prospective jurors by Judge Sirica and what they termed improper instructions to the jury by the judge.