

**NEW M'GOVERN SUIT
NAMES NIXON DONORS**

HOUSTON, June 25 (AP)— Senator George McGovern sued seven large corporations in a state court Wednesday, asking for \$1.09-million in damages because of illegal contributions they made to President Nixon's re-election campaign in 1972.

Under a Texas law, a candidate whose opponent received illegal campaign contributions can recover damages from the contributors equal to double the amount they contributed. The seven corporations have pleaded guilty to making contributions of \$545,000 and were fined a total of \$33,000.

Mr. McGovern, a South Dakota Democrat who was defeated by Mr. Nixon in the 1972 Presidential race, filed a similar suit last year in Fed-

eral District Court in Houston. A Federal appeals court ruled in April that Mr. McGovern had failed to show that the case belonged in a Federal court in Texas. The latest suit was filed in a state court. It says all seven defendant corporations do business in Texas and that each has an office in Harris County.

The corporations named in the suit and the amounts of their gifts are: American Airlines, Inc., \$75,000; Ashland Oil, Inc., \$100,000; Braniff Airways, Inc., \$40,000; Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, \$100,000; Gulf Oil Company, \$100,000; Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company, \$30,000 and Phillips Petroleum Company, \$100,000.

Six of the corporations were fined \$5,000 on their guilty pleas, and Minnesota Mining was fined \$3,000.

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