

Legislator Guilty in Campaign Funds Case

Washington

Representative James R. Jones (Dem-Okla.) pleaded guilty yesterday to failing to report an illegal campaign contribution from Gulf Oil Co., a misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a \$1000 fine.

Jones is the first sitting congressman to plead guilty or be convicted in connection with the Gulf political contributions scandal.

Watergate special prosecutor Charles Ruff said Jones failed to list a campaign contribution of \$1000 to \$2000 from Royce H. Savage during Jones' race for Congress in 1972. Jones' failure violated the 1971 federal election campaign act.

Jones, 36, is an assistant majority whip in the House. A lawyer, Jones is serving his second term.

Gulf has admitted paying more than \$5 million to federal, state and local politicians since 1960.

As a result of the disclosures against Gulf, board chairman Bob Dorsey and three other company officers were fired earlier this month.

Ruff said that after Jones was first elected in 1972, his campaign wound up with a deficit, and one of the congressman-elect's aides contacted Savage for financial assistance.



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CONGRESSMAN JONES
He didn't report the donation

As a result, the government charged, Savage asked Claude C. Wild Jr., then vice president of governmental operations for Gulf, for help in defraying the campaign deficit.

Ruff said Wild mailed \$1000 to \$2000 in corporate cash to Savage, who gave it to Jones in Savage's law office.

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