

## Demo Fined in Gulf Case

### Washington

Representatives James Jones (Dem-Okla.) was fined \$200 yesterday for failing to report a 1972 congressional campaign contribution of more than \$1000 from Gulf Oil Corp.

Jones, 36, a deputy Democratic whip, is the first sitting member of Congress to be convicted in connection with contributions from Gulf corporate funds. He pleaded guilty January 29 and could have been fined up to \$1000 and jailed up to one year.

When asked by U.S. District Judge William Bryant if he had any comment to make before sentencing Jones said only, "I'm sorry this mistake ever occurred."

Afterward, Jones, a second-term congressman, indicated he will seek re-election this fall from his Tulsa district.

The Watergate special prosecutor's office said there was no evidence that Jones knew the cash he received came from Gulf corporate funds.

The payment to Jones was made by former Gulf general counsel Royce H. Savage, who testified



REP. JAMES JONES  
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under oath in a civil suit that he passed on the cash contribution.

According to prosecutors, Savage had been contacted by a Jones campaign worker, Bob Vetter, who was seeking to defray Jones' campaigning expenses after the 1972 election. Savage then telephoned Gulf Washington lobbyist Claude C. Wild Jr., who supplied the cash for Jones, prosecutors said.

Wild, who already has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor violations of campaign financing laws, was indicted by a federal grand jury last week on additional felony campaign financing violations unrelated to the Jones case.

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