

# Agnew Denies He Took a Bribe

## New York

Spiro Agnew has for the first time specifically denied accepting a \$10,000 payment while vice president, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

When Agnew resigned the vice presidency and pleaded no contest to a federal income tax evasion charge in October, 1973, federal prosecutors filed a 40-page outline of evidence against him as part of the plea-bargaining arrangement.

That document said Agnew sought and accepted bribes from Maryland contractors when he was governor of that state and continued accepting money even as vice president, including a payment of \$10,000.

"There was no \$10,000 and it was not given to me," Agnew was

quoted as saying in the current issue of Newsweek. "You can put that down and quote it forever. But that's as far as I'm going about explaining what happened. That's for the memoir. I'll explain all of the devices and how it all came about."

"That story hasn't been told correctly," he said. "There hasn't been any handling of money to me in the EOB (Executive Office Building) or the White House or any other place . . ."

Despite the outline of evidence presented by the prosecutors in 1973, Agnew immediately asserted he was innocent of all charges except income tax evasion. Since then, he has frequently reasserted his innocence but has refused to discuss particulars.

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