Illinois Mayor Denies Extortion

Streator, Ill. — (UPI) — The popular, newly elected mayor of Streator said Wednesday $3,000 in alleged "extortion" money was just a political donation from a Kansas sewage equipment firm.

Mayor Ralph Sopher was arrested by FBI agents in a cocktail lounge in Chicago Tuesday. He had just accepted an envelope which FBI agents said contained nearly $3,000 in cash.

The mayor of the Central Illinois community had been sworn in for a new term less than 24 hours earlier. He was charged with extortion.

Free on bond in Streator today, Sopher defended his acceptance of the money as "political remunerations".

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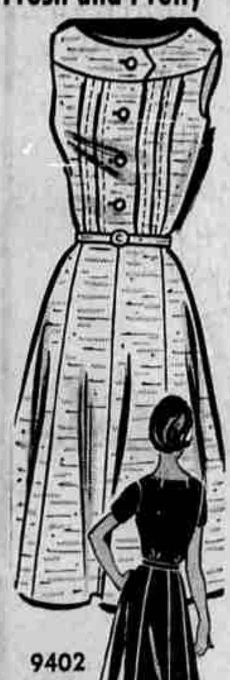

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