

RICHARD BRYAN FOR ATTY. GEN.

State Senator Richard Bryan charged the office of the attorney general "tried to violate the spirit of Nevada's Open Meeting Law by authorizing a secret meeting which was to have been held in Reno Wednesday."

Bryan said he was "pleased that court action has been taken to temporarily block the meeting and determine whether the attorney general's office did, in fact, authorize a violation of our Open Meeting Law."

Bryan, democratic candidate for attorney general, referred to a court order which was issued Tuesday blocking a scheduled secret meeting in Reno Wednesday between representatives of the City of Reno and United Air Lines on the subject of landing fees at Reno International Airport.

Attorney General Robert List's office had ruled that the meeting



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could take place without press coverage or public attendance. The opinion was made by Deputy Attorney General William Isaef.

Bryan said any doubt about the Open Meeting Law "should be resolved in favor of openness."

The senator said the "spirit and intent of the law is to make all meetings at which public business is discussed open to the press and

POLITICAL HOPEFULS

TOM KRUSE FOR STATE CONTROLLER

Tom Kruse, Democratic candidate for State Controller charged his opponent with attempting to "whitewash the Nevada voters."

"The present controller's claim that the accounting system for Nevada is one of the best in the United States is false!" Kruse declared. "The system we have has the potential of being one of the better systems, but presently it is in very poor condition."

"If the system is as good as my opponent wants everyone to believe, then why has the

public. Any questions about the law should be resolved in favor of the public's right to know," Bryan said.

Bryan was critical of List's actions in the Reno controversy, declaring, "If I were the attorney general, I would not have relied on the opinion of a deputy on a matter of such public importance."

"This is an issue the attorney general should have researched personally. If he honestly believed the law was vague, he could have sought a declaratory ruling from the courts. If he did not seek a declaratory ruling, he should have issued his opinion in favor of the press and the public."

Bryan said the authorization of the secret meeting by List's office "is consistent with other actions which include hundreds of wiretapped conversations without criminal convictions, failure to report wiretaps, failure to prosecute in the shooting of a Reno policeman, opposing a pension for the widow of a North Las Vegas police officer who was killed in the line of duty, and a ruling that meetings of committees of the legislature can be closed to the press and public."

controller failed to submit the annual report for fiscal year ended June 30, 1973, to the Governor's office as required by law?" Kruse challenged. "Fifteen months is more than ample time to prepare the financial reports needed by our State Government. Any private businessman knows that he cannot stay in business if it takes him 15 months or more to find out what his financial condition is," Kruse said.

Kruse indicated that, since 1969, the controller has spent more

than three times the \$500,000 of taxpayer's money originally appropriated to him for a computerized accounting system; and, according to Kruse, the system is nowhere near completion. "Five years and a million and a half taxpayer dollars is far from being one of the best systems in the United States," said Kruse.

"The Nevada voters are too independent and too smart to be fooled by political advertising. The present accounting system administered by the controller is not efficient, and I think a lot of taxpayers know it," said Kruse. "I predict my opponent's attempt to whitewash

Nevadans will backfire on election day!"

Kruse was the first candidate to file for State Controller and was unopposed on the Democratic ticket during the primary election. Kruse was also the first candidate to voluntarily present full disclosure of his financial status.

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