

6 ethnics leave Bush campaign

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WASHINGTON — Six ethnic leaders of George Bush's presidential campaign resigned yesterday following reports linking them to fascist or anti-Semitic organizations. A seventh resigned last Thursday under similar accusations.

The Bush campaign said the six were leaving its Coalition of American Nationalities to prevent Bush from being hurt by "politically motivated attacks."

"We have been attacked unfairly by George Bush's political opponents. These attacks are aimed at neutralizing the support George Bush has and will continue to have in the ethnic community," said a statement issued on behalf of the Italian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Romanian and Ukrainian-Americans who quit yesterday.

The resignations came a day after Frederic V. Malek, a top Bush supporter and deputy chairman of the Republican National Committee, resigned following disclosures that he had compiled a list of Jewish staffers in the Bureau of Labor Statistics on orders from President Richard M. Nixon in 1971 because Nixon thought they were biased against him.

Bush campaign spokesman Mark Goodin, who read the resignation statement to reporters, dismissed the charges against the six ethnic leaders as "little more than politically inspired garbage," saying that "the campaign looked into the allegations against these individuals and was unable to substantiate them."

The six "did the right thing by removing themselves from the controversy and from any further use by political opponents," said Goodin.

In Alton, Ill., where he was campaigning yesterday, Bush was asked why the campaign was "giving in" and accepting the resignations, if the men had done nothing wrong.

"Nobody's giving in. These people left of their own volition. We're not accusing anybody of anything," Bush said.

"We're getting into a very peculiar deal where some people are accusing people," he said. "I don't like it a bit."

Those who resigned yesterday, all members of Bush's Coalition of American Nationalities, formed in
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