

Nixon Campaign Spent \$3.3 Million in 10 Days

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President Nixon's top four re-election financing committees spent \$3.3 million in a 10-day period ending last week, all but \$1 million of it for advertising in television and other media. This \$330,000-a-day expenditure raises the total since early April to \$22.5 million.

The figures were revealed in reports for the period Oct. 17 through Oct. 26 filed yesterday by the Finance, Media, Radio and Television Committees to Re-elect the President.

A spokesman for Sen. George McGovern phoned the General Accounting Office to say the reports of his two major committees, McGovern for President, Inc., and Mc-

Govern for President-D.C. would not be ready for delivery until late last night delaying disclosure until today. Fragmentary reports were in.

Except for telegrams disclosing last-minute contributions of \$5,000 or more, the reports being received and processed by the GAO are the last required before the Nov. 7 election.

Other data in the reports available yesterday:

- The Real Estate Political Education Committee gave \$50,000 to the Nixon finance committee on the first day of the new reporting period and followed up with a \$25,000 contribution to the National Republican Senatorial Committee for unnamed GOP candidates.

- Eunice Kennedy Shriver, making the first listed contribution from the Kennedy family, gave \$25,000 on Oct. 25 to the National McGovern/Shriver Committee, which described her as a Rockville "housewife."

- The political arm of the Communications Workers of America, one of the principal AFL-CIO unions supporting McGovern, has converted \$90,000 of a \$100,000 loan into an outright gift.

- The Finance Committee to Re-elect the President lent Democrats for Nixon \$325,000 on Oct. 17; aggregate loans from the Finance Committee now account for \$1,124,000 of the \$1,490,369 in monies collected by Democrats for Nixon

since April 7.

- Nineteen of the 53 state and territorial affiliates of the Nixon finance committee listed expenditures during the reporting period of \$235,496; Democrats for Nixon reported an additional \$317,113; individual contributions came to \$153,695 for the affiliates and \$79,289 for DFN.

- In telegrams to the GAO, Nixon committees said that since the close of the reporting period they have received a \$10,000 gift from A. C. Nielsen of Chicago, the TV polling executive; donations of \$6,000 each from two other persons and \$5000 each from 12 more.

- With perhaps more contributions still to surface, new Nixon reports increased the totals for principal contributors, including Samuel Schulman, retired vice chairman of National General Corp., up \$5,500 to \$262,000, and John J. Louis Jr., chairman of Combined Communications, Inc. up \$5,521 to \$261,306.

- Nine executives of five Midwest trucking companies contributed \$32,200 to four of the Nixon Finance Committee affiliates on Oct. 24 and 25, a month after gifts of \$50,000 by John Ruan of Des Moines, president of the Ruan Transportation Co. and secretary of the American Trucking Association.

Ruan made his contributions after a hearing examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulates the trucking industry, had turned down a bid by Ruan to acquire Eldon Miller, Inc., another trucking firm in the Midwest.

The Des Moines Register reported that the case is now pending before a panel of three ICC commissioners, including W. Donald Brewer, an appointee of President Nixon who in 1968 was an aide to Nixon finance chief Maurice H. Stans (now chairman of the Finance Committee) and Nixon's personal lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach. Another member of the panel is ICC chairman Kenneth Tuggle, also a Nixon appointee.