

Pat R. Inouye

Shipley Failed to Report Election Fund, Inouye Says

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Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) charged yesterday that D.C. Republican national committeeman Carl L. Shipley failed to meet what Inouye said is a requirement of the federal law governing campaign finances.

Inouye, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, made the charge in connection with newspaper advertisements at-

tacking eight Democratic senate candidates that appeared before last month's election over the name of a Committee for a Responsible Congress.

Inouye contended that as treasurer of that committee, Shipley was required to file a financial report with the clerk of the House.

Reached by telephone in New York, where he was at a meeting, Shipley acknowledged that no report has been filed, but denied any wrongdo-

ing. "Under the law," he said, "there is no requirement that the report be filed."

The controversy involves the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925 which, according to House Clerk W. Pat Jennings, has many "unrealistic limitations" that "every practical candidate must either circumvent or ignore."

Inouye, in a letter to Jennings, made public yesterday, charged that the Committee for a Responsible Congress is a "political committee" whose treasurer must under the law file a financial report before election day.

"This is not a political committee," Shipley asserted. "It is an educational committee," like others "... who comment on matters of ... public interest ... in connection with voter information and education."

Section 302 (c) of the 1925 act says "political committee" includes any group that spends "for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the election of candidates ... in two or more states ..."

Inouye said ads seeking "to influence elections" appeared under the name of Shipley's committee in newspapers in the District, Maryland and seven other states.

However, Shipley said, another reason no report is necessary is that "there's a separate committee for each state" and that "there's a specific exemption for District of Columbia committees which don't cover more than one state."

Inouye's aides said his charge was designed to learn who paid for the ads, said to cost \$100,000.