

Few Gifts to Nixon's Campaign Since April 7 Exceeded \$5,000

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An examination of President Nixon's first, partial disclosure of contributors of \$12.3-million to his 1972 campaign treasury today showed only a handful of individual gifts of more than \$5,000 each. A far more frequently reported amount was \$3,000, the limit a contributor may give to one campaign committee without incurring a levy under the Federal gift tax.

In 1968 the Nixon campaign received individual gifts of \$200,000 to \$500,000 from wealthy contributors, but no such amounts were listed in the reported gifts examined today.

Democratic leaders charge that Nixon fund raisers encouraged large, anonymous contributions prior to April 7, the effective date of the new Federal campaign spending law. They have cited the fact that former Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans, now the President's chief campaign financial aide, was touring the country this spring and "pointing out," as Mr. Stans's spokesmen put it, the opportunity for wealthy business leaders to make unreported gifts to the Republicans.

Foresaw New Confidence

Weeks earlier, the President had declared that the new campaign spending law would restore "public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process."

The public reports of contributions of the four main Nixon finance committees here, headed by Mr. Stans, were made fully available to newsmen today by the General Accounting Office. The agency received the reports too late on Saturday, the filing deadline, to process and make public the detailed information.

A hasty look at the reports late Saturday showed that the

President's fund raisers had collected \$10,171,882 in the early months of this year—before the new Federal Election Campaign Act required the public disclosure of all political contributors who gave more than \$100 after April 7. That inspection also showed that they were listed only \$1,237,688 in post-April 7 contributions, whose donors' names must be made public.

Buchanans Gave \$11,000

Contributions of \$100 or more to that \$1.2-million fund, but not those who gave more than \$10-million before April 7, were listed in the statements released today. There were few surprises.

The list included such well known Republican benefactors as Wiley T. Buchanan Jr., a Washington banker who was the State Department's chief of protocol under President Eisenhower. Mr. Buchanan and his wife were reported to have given a total of \$11,000 to several of the committees.

Another wealthy Republican diplomat, Christian A. Herter Jr., a former Mobil Oil Company executive who is now a special assistant to the Secretary of State, was listed for \$5,000.

The \$10.1-million collected before the law took effect by the four Stans-directed committees—the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, the Media Committee to Re-elect the President, the Television Committee to Re-elect the President and the Radio Committee to Re-elect the

President—was in addition to nearly \$2.3-million obtained, without disclosing the donors' names, by other national Republican committees with headquarters here.

The \$12.4-million total was more than one-third of the \$30-million that Mr. Stans has said is likely to be required for Mr. Nixon's campaign this year. It was \$7-million more than the estimated total of \$5-million already spent in primary races by the Democrats' current front runner and leading spender, Senator George McGovern.

Democratic Reports

In his financial statement required under the new law, and in voluntary disclosures before the law took effect, Senator McGovern has reported total spending of about \$5-million and accumulated campaign debts, chiefly from loans, of \$1.2-million.

The voluntary and required statements of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota have reported total spending of about \$2.5-million, with \$1.1-million in debts.

Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine listed newly reported debts today of more than \$275,000 in his discontinued campaign, with total spending so far of about \$2.4-million.

The largely pay-as-you-go and debt-free campaign of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama listed expenditures of about \$928,000 since April 7, doubling his year-to-date spending to a total of \$1.8-million.