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Democrats in '72, '74 Were Main Recipients

Leonard Davis Family Cont

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Leonard Davis, the multimillionaire insurance tycoon who is honorary president of the American Association of Retired Persons-National Retired Teachers Association, and his family have contributed \$458,000 to federal candidates in the 1972 and 1974 elections, a Washington Post tally shows.

All but a few thousand dollars of the total went to Democratic presidential and congressional candidates and to Democratic campaign committees.

Davis, in a telephone interview, said that he and his wife have completed their campaign-giving program for this year, after donating \$6,000 to the presidential drive of Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.); \$21,500 to five Senate Democrats seeking re-election and \$400 to Senate candidate Ramsey Clark (D) of New York; \$7,750 to four House Democrats seeking re-election; \$12,

000 to House and Senate Democratic campaign committees, and \$1,000 to the Congressional Black Caucus Dinner Committee. The couple, who supplied a listing their 1974 gifts, also lent \$1,500 to Stephen J. Solarz, a Brooklyn Democrat seeking election to the House.

In 1972, Davis and his wife, and their son, Alan, and daughter-in-law, Shane, together gave \$100,000 to Hubert H. Humphrey's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination and \$10,000 to Jackson's. Their combined contributions to the nominee, Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, were \$193,272, according to a review by Washington Post researcher Elisabeth Donovan of reports filed with government supervisors under the 1971 election-financing law.

Alan Davis, who was attending New York University law school during the 1972 campaign, and his wife are now in England, his father said.

Also in 1972, according to the reports, which covered the period April 7 through December 31 of that year, the Davis family made aggregate contributions of: \$49,500 to 10 Democratic and one Republican Senate candidates; \$34,000 to 13 Democratic and two GOP House candidates; \$11,200 to two Democratic congressional campaign groups, and \$10,000 to the Democratic National Committee.

With the exception of the contributions to Ramsey Clark, who imposed a ceiling of \$100 per person for the primary and then for the general election, the minimum Davis family gift to a congressional candidate was \$1,000.

Among Senate candidates, three Democrats received \$10,000 each: Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana in 1974, and in 1972, Sen. Lee Metcalf of Montreal and Jack Daniels of New Mexico.

Five other Democratic Senate candidates were listed for

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\$5,000 each: Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (Conn.) in 1974, and four aspirants in 1972 — Ed Edmondson (Okla.), Nick Galifianalis (N.C.) Barefoot Sanders (Texas), and then-Sen. William B. Spong Jr. (Va.)

Other Senate candidates who were recorded for gifts in this year's election, all Democrats, were: Sens. Frank Church (Idaho), \$3,000 Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii) \$2,500, and George McGovern, \$1,000.

In 1972, the Davis family was listed for \$2,500 to now—Sen. Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.), for \$1,500 to then—Sen. Jack Miller (R-Iowa), and for \$1,000 each to Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), who was re-elected, and to now—Sens. Williams D. Hathaway (D-Maine) and Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.)

In 1974 House races, the leading Davis beneficiary, with \$5,000, was Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind.), who was given the same amount by the family in 1972. Next, at \$2,000, was

Rep. Herman Badillo (D-N.Y.). Rep. John L. Burton (D-Calif.) was listed for \$500 and Rep. Edward Koch (D-N.Y.) for \$250.

The principal beneficiary in 1972, at \$10,000, was Rep. Ogden R. Reid (D-N.Y.), followed by John Hempelmann, (D-Wash.) at \$5,000, and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.). \$2,000.

Listed for \$1,000 each in 1972 were eight Democrats: then—Rep. Richard D. McCarthy (N.Y.), Reps. Hugh Carey (N.Y.), Joshua Eilberg (Pa.), Robert F. Drinan (Mass.), John A. Blatnik (Minn.), Kenneth J. Gray (Ill.), and Barbara Jordan (Tex.), and Joseph G. Anastasi, who ran against Rep. Gilbert Gude (R-Md.).

Also listed for \$1,000 each in 1972 were three Republicans, Reps. Marvin L. Esch (Mich.), William B. Widnall (N.J.) and Robert H. Steele (Conn.).

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