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the Re-Election of the President is still humming along, rather eerily, in a second-floor sanctum at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, less than a block from the White House. Former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans still reports for work as finance committee chairman, although he cut his own \$60,000 salary in half after he was indicted last spring for perjury and conspiracy. Chief Public Relations Man DeVan Shumway still collects \$36,000 a year. He sits in his private office watching the Ervin hearings on a portable TV and grinding out denials and explanations. Ten other employees, including a lawyer, research assistant and treasurer, are still at work, devoting their days mostly to cleaning up the leftover details of the campaign. Among them: the \$6.4 million damage suit filed by the Democratic National Committee after the Watergate break-in, and the Common Cause suit demanding disclosure of all contributions made to the Nixon campaign before April 7, 1972, when the new full-disclosure campaign law took effect.

The committee wound up with a well-publicized campaign surplus of \$4.8 million but has certain expenses to worry about. Since the election, for example, it has dished out \$300,500 in legal fees, much of the cash going to help committee officials like Stans, Jeb Magruder and Hugh Sloan in trying to extricate themselves from Watergate.

### CREEP Marches On

After the election last year, George McGovern's Washington campaign headquarters looked like one of the apocalyptically deserted buildings in *On the Beach*. That was not unusual. Most campaign organizations shut down as soon as the votes are counted and the thank-you notes dispatched.

But almost nine months after the presidential election, the Committee for

