

Rocky's Gift List

Totals \$1.7 Million

Stocks Climb

The stock market concluded a record-breaking week with another good gain in heavy trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, the market's predominant indicator, closed up 10.09 at 658.17. Gainers led losers by more than 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was 20.09 million shares.

For the week, the Dow average jumped 73.61 points, the best weekly gain ever reported for the index. Coming on the heels of a two-week slide that brought the market to new 12-year lows, the Dow's performance had many wondering whether it meant an end to the long bear market.

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A Letter

'To Clarify The Record'

Washington

Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller made public yesterday the text of a letter sent to the chairman of the Senate Rules Committee in which he acknowledged having made gifts to 18 present or former public officials and members of his staff totaling \$1,778,878, on which he paid federal and state taxes amounting to about \$840,000.

The letter, which Rockefeller sent yesterday to Senator Howard W. Cannon, was written in reply to a request by Cannon last week for additional information concerning gifts listed in the gift tax returns Rockefeller had earlier made available to the committee. Rockefeller said in his letter:

"Throughout my life, I have made loans and gifts to friends and associates to assist them in meeting the kind of pressing human needs which all people have from time to time — problems such as severe illness and medical expenses, marital problems, education children, problems of adolescents, problems of relocation, problems of meeting one's obligations to aged parents and problems that ve to be faced after retirement.

"In many cases there were special human circumstances that dictated urgency of action, and I responded simply out of friendship and affection"

Rockefeller also said of the gifts to the 18 past or present public officials and staff members that all of them had been appointed by him and that all were "administratively responsible" to him. He went on to say, "We had identical objectives, there was no conflict of interest involved, and there was nothing illegal or

immoral about either the loans or the gifts.

"Unfortunately, confidential information submitted to the committees and to the executive branch weeks ago has in some unauthorized or improper way been leaked piecemeal to the press, causing the compromising of the privacy of many individuals and misleading interpretations of the facts which I made available confidentially to the committee many weeks ago."

Rockefeller's action, as he indicated, followed a series of disclosures about large gifts made to public officials and staff member.

Rockefeller said that he was making the letter "and the information it contains" available to the public partly "in order to clarify the record," and also because of the continuing leaks.

The continuing disclosures of large loans and gifts were resulting in growing restiveness on Capitol Hill where Rockefeller's confirmation had, only a few short weeks ago, seemed a sure thing.

In New York last night, Rockefeller met reporters outside his Manhattan office and was asked what he thought the controversy over the loans and gifts might be doing to his chances for confirmation as vice president. He said:

"I do not think it is affecting my chances, but it is creating an unpleasant atmosphere of uncertainty."

Here is the list of public officials to whom Rockefeller said he had given money and the reasons he gave for doing so: E2 Richard Aldrich — Rockefeller's cousin, whom he appointed to the New York State Housing Finance Agency in 1969. Rockefeller gave Aldrich \$18,167 "as an expression of my personal affection, friendship and esteem" in 1965.

G. Russell Clark — Appointed state superintendent of banks on Feb. 18, 1959. Less than a month prior to the appointment, "I made a gift of \$26,000 to Mr. Clark to assist him in his relocation expenses before he took office."

Henry L. Diamond — Appointed by Rockefeller as head of the Department of Environmental Conservation in 1970. "After his resignation in December, 1973, I made two gifts to him totaling \$100,006 to help him in meeting certain pressing family obligations."

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gaynor — Rockefeller appointed Gaynor state Commissioner of Housing and Community Renewal in 1959, a post he held for ten years. Rockefeller said he gave Gaynor \$7000 in 1959 to assist him in relocating from Denver to New York. In December, 1970, he gave Gaynor \$100,000 "forgiving var-

ious loans which were made to him to help with personal and business losses occasioned by his relocation." E2

Henry A. Kissinger — Close personal friend and associate of Rockefeller for 18 years. When he resigned in January, 1969, as a consultant to Rockefeller, to become assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, "I made him a gift of \$50,000 . . . not only because of my affection and appreciation for Dr. Kissinger's invaluable assistance, but to help him during a particularly difficult time in meeting financial responsibilities to his children and former wife."

Edward J. Logue — Appointed by Rockefeller as president of the state Urban Development Corp. "Mr. Logue was interested in the position but was concerned with the necessity of repaying a number of outstanding personal obligations he had in Massachusetts. In order to help with these obligations and also to enable him to relocate in New York, I made him gifts in 1969 totaling \$31,389. I also loaned him \$145,000 of which \$45,000 has been repaid and \$100,000 is still outstanding."

Alton G. Marshall — Served in state government in a number of capacities and was a "valued adviser" to Rockefeller for 15 years. "Mr. Marshall resigned in December, 1970, to become president of Rockefeller Center, Inc. At that time I forgave his indebtedness of \$306,867, resulting from loans I had made to him 1967-1969 to help him meet exceptionally serious family obligations and problems, including health and education."

L. Judson Morhouse — Chairman of the State Republican Committee from 1954 to 1962. Rockefeller appointed him to the New York State Thruway Authority in 1959, and he served until resignation in January, 1963. "In 1960, at Mr. Morhouse's request, I loaned him \$100,000 to enable him to make an investment. The loan was secured by stock. Mr. Morhouse had very pressing family obligations to meet at that time." Morhouse was indicted for bribery in 1962 in connection with an attempt to obtain a liquor license. He was convicted and jailed until 1970 when Rockefeller commuted his sentence after a panel of physicians said his life was endangered if he remained in jail.

Joseph H. Murphy — A close personal friend and associate who served as Commissioner of Taxation and Finance for ten years and then became chairman of the state Housing and Finance Agency in 1969. "In 1967 I made a \$20,000 loan to help him meet certain pressing family obligations relating to his children's education and to help him meet

his obligations to aged parents, which loan I forgave in 1970."

William J. Ronan — A longtime associate who served as the governor's secretary until 1966 when he was appointed chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Ronan resigned that post last May to become chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Rockefeller said his first gift to Ronan of \$75,000 was made on Dec. 19, 1958. "Sixteen years later, on May 3, 1974, I made a second gift to Dr. Ronan in the amount of \$550,000 by way of a cash gift of \$40,000 and a forgiveness of six loans totaling \$510,000 that I made to him over a period of seven years. The gifts were made to Dr. Ronan in recognition of our long friendship, his pressing family responsibilities and problems, and to assist him in meeting continuing financial responsibilities after retirement."

Fred A. Young — "On Jan. 14, 1965, I made a gift of \$15,000 to Fred A. Young, who had been chief judge of the Court of Claims of the state of New York, but who was at that time Republican State chairman. Mr. Young was experiencing a tragic and continuing problem involving one of his children. Subsequently in December of 1965, I reappointed him to the court of claims and in January, 1966, designated him as presiding judge."

Victor Borella — A friend, associate and adviser for nearly 45 years. "In May of 1972 when he retired and moved out of state, I gave him \$100,000 as an expression of my great esteem for him by forging a loan I had made in November of 1968, to help him with medical expenses and other family obligations."

James M. Cannon — Special assistant to the governor for five years. "In January, 1974, after he had resigned from state government to join my personal staff, I made a gift in the amount of \$40,000 out of friendship and respect."

Jerry Danzig — Long time friend and associate who worked with Rockefeller in both his personal office and in state government. "Out of admiration and friendship, I made him gifts totaling \$29,738 over a five year period."

Mary Kresky — A member of Rockefeller's personal staff as governor and as his assistant secretary from 1965 until he resigned. "Because of my great respect and admiration for her, when she was married in November of 1972, I gave her a wedding present of stock valued at \$24,560. As a result of the unfortunate subsequent decline of the stock I made an additional gift of stock to her in Janu-

ary, 1974 of \$5064.

Hugh Morrow — A member of the governor's personal staff for many years and his director of communications from 1969 until 1973. "In 1967 he had very serious financial obligations to meet in connection with the health and education of his ten children and to meet several serious and tragic emergencies that occurred in his family, and I loaned him \$35,000. I forgave this debt on Dec. 31, 1970. Subsequently Mr. Morrow incurred substantial additional debts at a bank for the same purposes, and in 1974 I made a gift to Mr. Morrow of \$100,000 enabling him to pay that loan and I loaned him \$30,000 which is still outstanding."

Thomas E. Stephens — Worked with Rockefeller in Washington when Stephens was appointed secretary to President Eisenhower. "On Dec. 31, 1962, I forgave the balance of two loans in then amount of \$27,000. At that time Mr. Stephens was in extreme financial difficulty because of a series of tragic events. I made another gift to him in 1967 in the amount of \$4000.

Ann Whitman — a friend since she was Mr. Eisenhower's secretary. She worked with Rockefeller first as secretary, then as executive assistant, while he was governor. "In July, 1972, I made a loan of \$25,000 to Mrs. Whitman to help in meeting some of the financial problems facing her after retirement. In June, 1973, because of my great respect and admiration for her, I gave her a birthday present of stock then valued at \$19,237. Due to the subsequent decline in the value of the stock, I made an additional gift to her in January of stock valued at \$3545."

Rockefeller also set forth the facts on six other persons who appeared on various gift tax returns from 1967 to 1974 who he said did not come under the category of public officials or members of his staff.

Among them was former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell. Rockefeller said he loaned Mitchell an oil painting by J. B. Stearns in 1971 "to hang in the conference room of the Justice Department." He said Mitchell returned the painting after resigning as attorney general in 1972.

"This transaction was inadvertently reported by my accountant, as a gift of \$6500, which has been corrected," Rockefeller said.

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