

'Nixon Dollars' Are Frozen

Detroit

The Secret Service has confiscated 50,000 inflated-in size-"Nixon dollars" that Michigan Democrats had been circulating to spoof the President and his economic policy.

A used Democrats declared after the seizure Thursday that they knew dollars had been in short supply under the Nixon administration but they didn't realize how short.

A spokesman for the Secret Service said the oversized bills were confiscated as contraband under a federal law forbidding the use of imitation U.S. currency for novelty or advertising purposes.

"Nixon dollars" are about one-third larger than regular dollar bills. On the front is an image of President Nixon flashing a victory sign with



DOLLAR MAKER HARLEY SCHWARTZ
They sold for 35 cents per hundred

one hand while crossing the fingers of the other. On the back the bills say, "God Help Us."

Each "One Frozen Dollar" is signed by "M. Mitchell, Keeper of the Cookie Jar," and by "John Con Lee, Secretary of the Treasury."

A Secret Service agent Thursday went to the Great American Dream Corp., in Detroit to serve notice the dollars would be confiscated. The company, owned by Harley Schwartz had been selling the bills for 35 cents per hundred.

But Goodman, Michigan Democratic party press secretary, said the party had about 300 to 400 of the bills, and had made almost \$100 in contributions from the bogus money.

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Sell Like Money

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"Frozen" Nixon dollars, which the Secret Service says are illegal, were selling like vintage bootleg booze yesterday at Woodward & Lothrop's downtown Washington store.

The Price Commission was probably never asked, but the fake bills spoofing Nixonian economics, distributed wholesale by the Great American Dream Machine Corp. of Detroit at 35 cents a 100, were going for 30 cents apiece at Woodies.

And go they did. With the oversized currency of "The Inflated States of America" visible to passersby in a glass display case, all but 18 of the original stock of 500 bills were sold by midafternoon.

According to Nelson Whitman, manager of the coin department, sales of the

novelty item have been fantastic since the shipment was received two weeks ago.

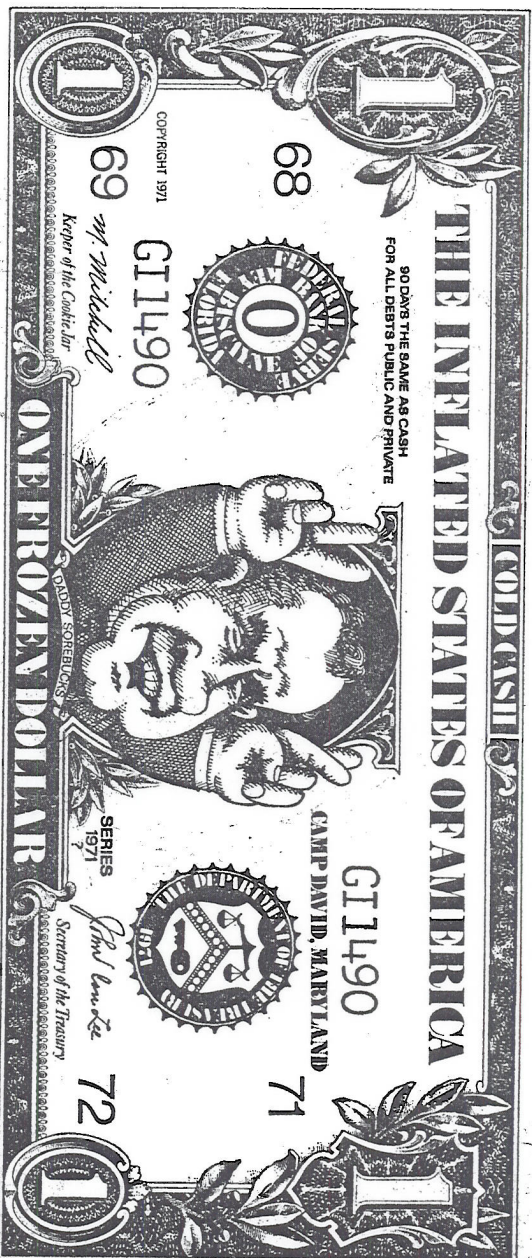
Secret Service agents recently confiscated 50,000 of the bills, which Michigan Democrats had been selling as a fund-raising device. A government spokesman said yesterday, "They were seized in Michigan because the U.S. attorney's office declared them to be a violation of federal law in their similitude to actual currency."

But Whitman didn't agree. "There's no similarity of these at all to dollars. It's probably a political maneuver," he said.

"You can do anything with coins now," he said, ranging from making two-headed pennies (\$1.45) to two-headed half-dollars (\$4.95). There's also "funny money," Whitman ex-

plained, including pennies showing Lincoln smoking a cigar or a pipe, or "a memorable keepsake" Lincoln with a smaller bust of President Kennedy—each 29 cents.

Coin dealers are even gold-plating silver Eisenhower dollars and JFK half-dollars, said Whitman, who wore a small metal replica



Oversized currency of "The Inflated States of America" sold out quickly at D. C. department stores.

of a \$100,000 bill as a teclasp. "The plates (from which the clasp was made) were recently confiscated by the Secret Service," he said with a wince.

The Nixon dollar, Whitman insisted, "can't be spent. It's a novelty is what it is. Most people buy it as a conversation piece."

"I think it's humorous," remarked John Hean, 53, a retired civil servant from Arlington who purchased three. "I'm not anti-Nixon, incidentally. I voted for him in 1968, may vote for him again . . . I think each President gets lampooned for certain things."

Minutes later, the last 15

bills—including the one in the display case—were grabbed up by a shopper who wandered by the coin counter. It was 4 p.m., according to Nelson Whitman's original Dirty Time Co. Spiro Agnew watch, "another novelty," he noted, "sold in Woodies, by the way, last Christmas."