

# What Nixon, McGovern Have Spent

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President Nixon's main national campaign organization has outspent Senator George McGovern's by about 2 to 1 in the presidential campaign, official campaign financial statements disclosed yesterday.

The comparison does not include the period of the Democratic primary campaigns but does include that of the Republican primaries, in which Mr Nixon did not participate.

In the September 1 to October 16 reporting period, for which mandatory financial disclosures were made yesterday by both parties, the principal Nixon campaign committees reported spending \$12.3 million.

This figure raised to \$26.4 million the reported Nixon re-election spending since the new financial disclosure law — the federal election campaign act of 1971 — took effect last April 7. If the McGovern expenses for the primary campaigns were included, the Senator's total for that period would be \$20.6 million.

Election finance experts have estimated that the Nixon campaign staff spent nearly \$10 million more in unreported, pre-April 7 funds before the disclosure deadline. Moreover, the Nixon finance committees reported \$10.2 million in "cash on hand" in their first required report last June. They did not disclose the contributors.

## GIFTS

The reports yesterday disclosed gifts of more than \$100,000 in recent weeks to various Nixon committees from corporate political action committees including

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on Political Education — a \$200 gift from the Oregon COPE.

McGovern's chief presidential campaign committees said yesterday that they had spent \$9 million during the September 1 to October 6 reporting period, pushing his reported total since the Democratic national convention in July to \$12.6 million, or 46 per cent of the \$26.4 million Nixon total.

Together with about \$8 million spent by McGovern in primaries during April, May and June to win the Democratic nomination, the senator's total campaign spending since April 7 came to \$20.6 million by October 16, only about \$6 million less than has been reported as spent for Nixon since April 7.

## REPORTS

Based on the incompletely processed financial statements made available yesterday by the General Accounting Office, no McGovern and not all Nixon reports were available yesterday to detail contributors. There was no dispute over the summary figures. They showed that the principal Republican and Democratic finance committees had had these transactions:

- Contributions since April 7 — Nixon, \$21.8 million; McGovern, \$20.5 million. (Nixon gifts were about 70 per cent in the more-than-\$100 category, McGovern gifts about 80 per cent \$100 or less.)

- Spending since April 7 — Nixon, \$26.4 million; McGovern, \$20.6 million (\$12.6 million since the Democratic convention).

- Cash balance on October 16 — Nixon, \$4 million; McGovern, a debt of \$3 million owed to lenders of campaign funds and others.

Details of the McGovern debt were to be made available today at the GAO.

## DINNER

The Nixon reports, available in part yesterday, showed that the Republicans' \$1000-a-plate victory '72 dinner on September 26 — a series of some 28 large gatherings linked by closed-circuit television — had been an enormous fiscal