

# Nixon's California Unit Collected \$3 Million

SACRAMENTO — (AP) — The California Finance Committee to Re-elect the President has filed a 40-pound campaign contribution statement reporting 25,000 California campaign contributions totaling more than \$3 million — averaging \$120 per donation.

Frank Y. Kono, archives superintendent for the Secretary of State's office said it was the most voluminous campaign statement he had ever seen. Kono said he had received the statement in a large cardboard box. The document was signed by Paul D. Yager of Los Angeles, treasurer of the committee.

Among contributors were Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bechtel Jr. of Piedmont, \$5000, and Edward Teller, University of California nuclear physicist and so-called "father of the hydrogen bomb," \$1000.

The Union Oil Co. contributed \$10,000 from its Political Awareness Fund.

#### \$3.18 Million

A summary of the statement shows contributions totaling \$3.18 million as of Dec. 7 and expenditures totaling \$2.57 million. The largest single fund raising event listed is a \$1000-a-plate

dinner in Los Angeles which netted \$753,000 for the Nixon campaign.

The dinner list alone reads like a Who's Who of the Southern California business, industrial and entertainment communities.

Dinner ticket purchases by entertainment figures included: Mrs. Gene Autry, \$3000; film producer J. L. Warner \$3000; Bob Hope \$2500; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benny \$2000; Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart \$2000; Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMurray, \$2000; George Burns, Irene Dunne, Susan Hayward and Cary Grant \$1000 each.

#### Business World

From the business and education world, Leonard K. Firestone, who headed Nixon's California fund-raising efforts, bought \$3000 worth of tickets. Others were Holmes Tuttle, a longtime financial backer of Gov. Ronald Reagan, \$2500; J. Howard Edgerton, savings and loan executive, \$4000; George A. Getty, executive vice president of Getty Oil, \$2000; the law firm of Kolmbach, DeMarco, Knapps and Chillingsworth \$10,000.

Apart from the dinner contributors, other big name contributors to Nixon's California campaign included

David Rockefeller, chairman of the board of Chase Manhattan Bank, \$3000, and Howard R. Hughes, listed as a self-employed investor, \$3000.

#### Spending

The spending side of the report includes large sums paid to the Pacific Telephone Company, reflecting the Nixon campaign's heavy use of telephone solicitation.

Campaign spokesmen said at the time that nearly every telephone subscriber in California was being telephoned and asked to support the President.

The expense accounting also showed a wide variation in the amounts received by paid campaign workers. Some were on monthly salaries; others were paid at hourly rates ranging from \$1.65 to \$2.50. Large payrolls were listed for nearly every county in California.