

Democrats Dwarfed By Nixon's Millions

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Key committees working for the re-election of President Nixon yesterday reported collecting some \$10 million, to begin the fall campaign.

The figure, disclosed in the first quarterly reports required by a new federal election law, dwarfed those reported by the Democrats, obviously reeling from multi-million dollar primary spending.

All but about \$1 million of the Republican war chest was raised before the law with its strict disclosure requirements went into effect April 7.

GOP Criticized

The Nixon committees adhered to the law by not disclosing contributors before that date so some of the biggest GOP donors may never be known.

Common Cause, the self-

styled citizens lobby, said in a statement that disclosure of pre-April 1 donors is just as important as disclosure of those afterward and criticized the Republicans for not following the "spirit of the law."

Four committees, operating under the umbrella of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave., reported collecting \$10.2 million before April 7th with \$9.8 million on hand as of May 31.

The committee chairman, former Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans, has said the GOP expects to spend some \$30 million on Nixon's re-election campaign, about what it reportedly spent in 1968.

Hand Delivered

The financial reports covered the period April 7 to May 31 and were due before midnight Saturday.

The Finance Committee to Re-elect the President and its satellites hand delivered their reports to the General Accounting Office at 4:33 p.m., 22 minutes before it closed for the day.

Besides the four key committees working for Nixon, the Republican National Finance Committee reported cash on hand of \$1.2 million; the Republican National Committee reported \$443,860; the Republican Campaign Committee reported \$430,601; and the Republican National Associates listed \$215,501.

All operate out of the Republican National Committee Headquarters, located at a different address than the Nixon groups.

California Fund

The largest amount on hand reported by a state Nixon committee was \$92,496 by the California Finance Committee to Re-elect the President. It, too, is a satellite of the national committee.

Only about two dozen of

some 280 Republican committees had their reports in before the GAO closed for the day. Reports from more than three dozen state arms of the national Nixon committee apparently were delayed in the mail.

The Democratic National Committee showed cash on hand of \$33,526 and debts of \$82,000. The committee, which spent \$375,220 for salaries and other expenses during the period, has said it remains some \$9 million in debt from the 1968 election.

This was not reflected on the report because the debt was incurred before April 7.

McGovern's Debt

The McGovern for President Committee of Washington, lead committee in the Democratic presidential drive of Sen. George S. McGovern of South Dakota, reported cash on hand of \$103,986.

The McGovern committee

said it spent \$2.07 million during the past two months and is \$484,574 in debt.

Biggest deficit, however, was incurred by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, who reported cash on hand of \$159,125 and debts of \$1.14 million. Humphrey spent \$1.6 million since April 7.

The reports for both McGovern and Humphrey

actually were filed in connection with the California primary last Tuesday. But under the new law, when a primary falls this close to the quarterly report-

ing date the primary report can serve for both purposes.

Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, forced out of primary campaigning by a would-be assassin May 15,

reported cash on hand May 31 of \$9629. Wallace said he spent \$927,699 over the past two months.

The largest balance reported by a Republican committee, was \$640,907 by the Ohio Republican Finance Committee. The Greater Indianapolis Republican Finance Committee reported a cash balance of \$144,380.

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