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# 'Big Business Campaign \$

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Maurice Stans, chief fund raiser in President Nixon's re-election effort, collected unreported campaign funds from executives of some of the nation's biggest corporations, whose officers he had placed on government advisory bodies, the Washington Post said yesterday.

The Nixon campaign organization has refused to make public the sources of an estimated \$15 million to \$20 million in campaign funds collected prior to April 7, when a new campaign finance reporting law took effect.

The Post said in yesterday's edition it learned the

identities of some of the givers, as well as details of Stans' fund-raising techniques, by interviewing numerous corporate officers who serve on the National Industrial Pollution Control Council or the National Business Council for Consumer Affairs.

### Combined Subjects

Those two agencies, which report to the President through the secretary of commerce, "were sometimes employed by Stans to intervene at the White House when businessmen disagreed with government agencies on pollution and consumer issues," the Post said.

"Stans' conversations with corporate executives sometimes combined the subjects of campaign funds solicitation and the corporation's problems with the federal government," the story said.

"For example, Stans reminded steel executives of his continuing efforts on their behalf to avoid harsh remedies for their industrial pollution problems."

William Whyte, Washington vice president for U. S. Steel, "provided an 'on the record' account of the Stans operation," the Post said, "which concurs with accounts of other corporate executives who declined to be quoted."

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According to the Post story, Whyte said Stans made a point of his efforts to represent industry viewpoints on pollution issues.

"Stans contrasted his own 'friendly attitude' with the enforcement policies of William Ruckelshaus, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency," Whyte was quoted as saying.

"Stans said we need to have a friendly ear in government," Whyte said. "I know he's not sympathetic to Ruckelshaus. The National Industrial Pollution Control Council was a Maury Stans brainchild to give industry a sounding board on its problems."

The Post story said Stans called a meeting in August of officials from about 30 major corporations to urge them to continue "the conduit system" of soliciting contributions from their employes. The money would be turned over at one time to Stans, it said.

### Reassurance

"When a Westinghouse executive and others questioned the legality of such corporate fund-raising efforts, the Nixon administration furnished the corporations with an 'advisory' attorney general's opinion to reassure them," the Post said.