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**28.9% of Dairy Co-op Donations  
Returned Recently by Politicians**

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP) — Political candidates have returned nearly 30 per cent of the campaign contributions given them by the three biggest dairy cooperatives since Watergate investigators began looking at milk money, according to campaign finance reports.

An Associated Press tabulation shows that at least 10 candidates have given back sums totaling \$27,150. This is 28.9 per cent of the \$94,090 given by the co-ops to individual candidates since last Sept. 1, about the time the Senate Watergate committee took up the milk-fund affair.

During the same period, the dairy-farmer groups have continued to reap political money from their members at the rate of more than \$1-million a year. The pace of collections has dropped only 8 per cent in the last year.

The dairymen now have amassed a cash fund of \$2.2-million for this year's elections, according to reports filed with Federal agencies. The largest of the co-ops, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., has \$1.55-million, the richest political trust in the nation.

#### Parties Keeping Gifts

The two other big co-ops, Dairymen, Inc., and Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., each have funds of more than \$300,000.

Although many candidates have returned dairy donations, and others have sent word that they do not want any, neither the Democratic nor the Republican party has returned any milk co-op money. The co-ops have given \$93,013 since Sept. 1 to various national, state and county committees of both parties. This is roughly as much as the dairymen gave to individual candidates.

Of the total, \$57,473 went

to Democratic committees and \$35,540 to G.O.P. committees.

Those who are known to have returned money are Senator Robert Dole, Republican of Kansas, \$15,600; Gov.

Wendell R. Anderson of Minnesota, a Democrat, \$6,000; former Representative Abner I. Mikva, Democrat of Illinois, \$2,000; Senator Adlai Stevenson, 3d, Democrat of Illinois, \$1,500; Representative James R. Jones, Democrat of Oklahoma, \$1,000; Representative Tom Railsback, republican of Illinois, \$500; Senator Gaylord Nelson, Democrat of Wisconsin, \$250; Representative Charles B. Rangel, Democrat of Manhattan, \$100; Representative Wayne Owens, Democrat of Utah, \$100; and Texas State Representative Frank Lombardino, a Democrat, \$100.

Also, a \$2,000 donation was returned by a bipartisan committee, the Oklahoma Dairy Committee of Dell City, Okla. This was part of \$6,273 that the co-ops gave to nonpartisan or bipartisan groups.

Those who gave money back generally said they acted because of Watergate disclosures about the co-ops. Three of the refunders, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Railsback and Mr. Owens, are members of the House Judiciary Committee, which is investigating allegations that the co-ops influenced President Nixon to raise milk prices in 1971.

Mr. Dole, who gave back the most, said in an interview that he acted because the co-ops were being sued for antitrust violations by the Government and because of unfavorable Watergate publicity.

"Having been national chairman I guess I'm a little suspect anyway," said Mr. Dole, former head of the Republican National Committee. "So why take any chances?"

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