

The Washington Report

CAMPAIGN FINANCING

The financing of political campaigns has been a hotly debated subject in Washington, stimulated by a Senate amendment to the tax bill to allow a check-off on individual tax returns for this purpose. The amendment would allow each individual filing a tax return to designate one dollar of his Federal income tax for a political campaign fund, either for the political party of his "choice" or for a nonpartisan general account.

This provision, which was not part of the House-passed bill and was added on the Senate floor, has aroused considerable partisan controversy. The President has announced that he will veto his own proposed tax relief legislation if the tax check-off for political campaigns is a part of the final bill. As this is written, the action of the Congress on this proposal is uncertain. I feel that the use of pu-

blic tax money to finance political campaigns is most unwise and raises questions of constitutionality. In my opinion, this subject should not be considered as part of the tax relief bill which is designed to stimulate the economy and reduce inflation. This much-needed legislation be enacted right away without the delays that have been caused by the controversial tax check-off provision.

A better approach to campaign financing, I feel, is the bill which was passed by the House of Representatives last week. This measure, the purpose of which is to control expenditures and to provide full disclosures of campaign contributions, has received lengthy study and consideration in both the Senate and the House. The Senate has already passed one version of the bill and the House bill is similar in many respects. While differences remain to be worked out in conference, there are many identical provisions which will undoubtedly remain in the final version.

One of the major provisions specifies a ceiling on spending for advertising media of ten cents per eligible voter. This limit would apply to expenditures for television, radio, newspapers, magazines, billboards, and direct mail campaigns. In addition, no more than sixty percent of this limit could be spent for any one medium, such as television. This provision would have the effect of limiting each Presidential candidate next year to expenditures of \$3.4 million for television advertising, a major campaign expense.

Another section would require full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenses and specify that financial reports be filed three times a year, with fifteen days and five days before the election. All fund-raising events for a candidate would have to be reported. In addition, limits would be imposed on personal funds and those of his family of \$50,000 for Presidential candidates, \$35,000 for the Senate and \$25,000 for the House of Representatives.

An amendment adopted by the House would rewrite existing law to provide that labor unions may use union funds for "get-out-the-vote" drives among their membership and their families. The acceptance of this amendment, which I opposed, blocked the consideration of a

proposal to bar union funds for any political purpose. Supposedly, the amendment which was accepted would merely restate existing law and subsequent court decisions on this subject. However, I feel that present practices of using union dues for political purposes should not be allowed, as these funds are not voluntary contributions from union members.

The passage of this measure, when finally enacted, will be the first major reform of the Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, which currently governs campaign spending practices. Such legislation is long overdue in view of the astronomical expense of conducting political campaigns in the age of television. This effort has been the result of extensive hearings in the House and Senate and is, I believe, a much sounder approach to controlling campaign expenditures than the income tax check-off proposal which would in no way control expenses but would only finance them out of the pockets of voters.

Kappa Delta Taps Horton

Cullowhee, N. C.—Ried Horton son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Horton of 11 Dixie Trailer Park, Kings Mountain, a junior majoring in biology has been initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, at Western Carolina University.

Mu Eta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi was installed at WCU May 1, 1969. The society is open to both undergraduate and graduate eligible for membership, a state students in education. To student must rank scholastically in the top 20 percent of the student body, have a quality point ratio of 3.00 or better, exhibit commendable personal qualities and intend to make education a lifetime professional fellowship among its members and to quicken professional growth by honoring achievement in educational work.

Horton is a member of the Biology Club and is a resident assistant in Albright Residence Hall. He is a 1969 graduate of Kings Mountain High School

Mental Health Matters

FAMILY ILLNESS

The impact on families which suffered a mental illness years ago and families in which a spouse is presently ill will be studied by a scientist who pioneered in the first systematic research of this kind.

The second study will involve two groups: one on the east coast and another on the west coast.

The families on the west coast include some which figured in previous studies employing Dr. Clausen's techniques.

He believes that by studying the new patients and the impact of their illness on their families he will be able to assess what changes, if any, have taken place in the past several years in light of the modernization and wider availability of mental health services.

Dr. Clausen hopes to determine how these changes have influenced the process of identifying mental illness and family adaptation to mental illness.

One change he has observed is that persons hospitalized now are more severely ill than were

patients hospitalized prior to the 1950's when drugs were introduced for the treatment of mental illness.

Melton Finishes Recruit Training

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.—Marine Pvt. Cleveland T. Melton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Melton of 417 E. Virginia Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S. C.

Family Survey Is Underway

A sample of households in this area will be included in a nationwide survey of employment and unemployment to be conducted the week of December 12-18 by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Joseph R. Norwood, director of the Bureau's Data Collection Center in Charlotte, in announcing the survey, said that results will be used to calculate the number of persons in the U. S. who have jobs, the number looking for work, and the percentage unemployed this month, an important measure of the nation's well-being. The survey is conducted monthly by the bureau for the U. S. Department of Labor.

The October survey showed that the total number of employed persons increased by 320,000 (seasonally adjusted) to a record level of 79.8 million, and the number of unemployed dropped to 5.8 per cent of the labor force from 6.0 per cent in September.

The December survey will also ask questions about any farm work done for wages or salary in 1971 and will provide up-to-date statistics on the number of persons doing farm work.

Census bureau interviewers who will visit households in this area are: Mrs. Ethel S. Rockett, 908 South Street, Gastonia, 28052 and Mrs. Jacqueline H. Goforth, 1301 Iontrose Drive, Shelby, 28150.

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