

**NO COMMENT**

By JAMES W. DOUTMAN

Washington—Fact-finding is a favorite Washington sport. But it can be frustrating. A Senate committee investigating current political spending had that experience here—just recently. AFL-CIO's political subsidiary COPE and UAW's chameleon—Walter Reuther—were there presumably to tell all.

The affair was a flop. It received only casual press attention—and then primarily because of not too humorous repartee between COPE witnesses and Republican Senators.

Yet, buried now in the record is a story—a story with a point, and a point that ultimately Congress must settle.

**Precedent Set**—First, a precedent was set. Publicly-minded Reuther—aware that most of Washington's press corps is out covering the election campaigns, and secondarily that his appearance would hardly warrant live television and radio coverage—brought his own technicians and equipment, cameras, lights, and sound. Some Capitol Hill staff veterans wonder what the edited film and script will resemble when ultimately broadcast over UAW's own 30 station network.

Second, Reuther had gib words but few facts. He (1) deeply regretted his union was limited financially in what it was able to do toward teaching their responsibility as citizens, (2) denied that UAW headquarters ever told members to contribute to or support particular parties or candidates, and (3) adroitly avoided questions as to the cost of man-hours donated by his union to political candidates or committees.

**Labor Union Spending**—Third, a University of North Carolina professor earlier presented a study of political contributions in the 1952 campaign. He showed 15 national union organizations spent \$1,818,789. His records admittedly were incomplete because (1) contributions under \$500.00 are not included; (2) the cost of man-hours of work is not reported; and (3) collateral work—called "educational"—such as getting people registered, distributing voting records of candidates, radio and TV shows—is not considered by the unions as "political activities."

He reported that \$51,300.00 went to Americans for Democratic Action and \$36,500.00 to the Stevenson-Sparkman forum.

Nevertheless, in spite of specific legal prohibitions, national unions contributed \$100,072.00 to 21 Democratic candidates for the Senate and \$79,990.00 to Democratic candidates for the House.

States where contributions in excess of \$15,000.00 were made included:

California	\$27,000
Connecticut	53,100
Illinois	28,092
Michigan	66,500
Minnesota	19,312
Missouri	15,650
Montana	21,200
New Mexico	18,850
New York	79,692
Ohio	34,290
Pennsylvania	34,120
Utah	20,200
Washington	24,950
West Virginia	23,350
Wisconsin	21,685

**Story Still Incomplete**—Even if figures on total union financial contributions were available, the story would still be incomplete. As Senator Goldwater said, in quizzing COPE's co-directors: "If this were just an ordinary, run-of-the-mill political effort, it would be one thing. But we have here an organization which represents 16 to 18 million people.

"Now, we used to be concerned with the monopoly of business, and we were only concerned there with the monopoly of money, and there is no question that big business has historically, and probably today, supplied big sums of money for political campaigns, but they have never supplied people.

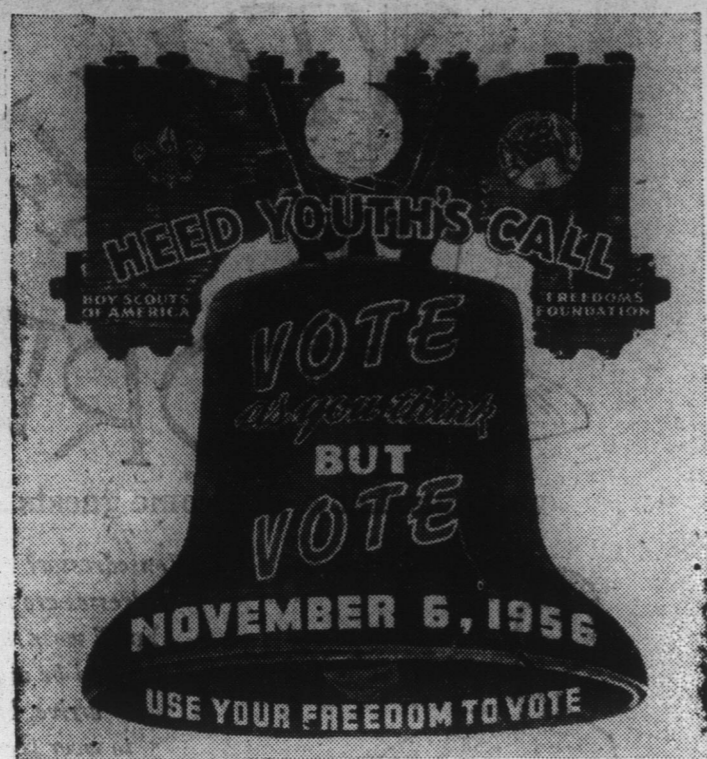
"We have got a new factor here; and people, I think, more than money, win elections. I think it is perfectly proper that we ask these gentlemen to supply us with the number of people that work on political activities."

The Senator's request probably will go unheeded, although the investigation will continue. Even so, Washington observers see little evidence that Congress yet sees the problem in its real light.

Temptations, when we meet them at first, are as the lion that reared upon Samson; but if we overcome them, the next time we see them we shall find a nest of honey within them.

—John Bunyan.

**Boy Scouts to Visit 35 Million Homes**



Just before Election Day, November 6, the nation's 4,175,134 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and their leaders will place on the doorknobs of 35,000,000 homes Liberty Bell hangers, shown above, urging every citizen to vote. The Scouts' "Get-Out-the-Vote" campaign is being conducted in cooperation with Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge. It is entirely non-partisan, without reference to any candidate or party.

**Just Guessing**

By "PETE"

Well! . . . What do you think of the Edenton Aces now? . . . I know I speak for all supporters of the Aces when I say they have earned for themselves a pat on the back and a greeting of "well done" from all local fans. Every member of the squad outdid himself in Ahoskie Monday night and as a result walloped a supposedly strong team by a much wider margin than had been anticipated by football dopsters of this area. There is no doubt in my mind now that the Aces will go on and cop another Albemarle Conference crown with an enviable record of no defeats, no ties and sporting the distinction of being unscored upon in conference play, unless Plymouth, the last conference opponent the Aces will meet this year, can come up with a "secret weapon" of some sort and upset the perfect record of the Aces. I know all football-minded folk of the entire Albemarle section join me in wishing the Aces all the luck in the world should they be privileged to compete in the State playoffs again this year.

**Strawberry Crop In Chowan Profitable**

Thurman Harrell of Enterprise community has found strawberries a good cash crop, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. Although Mr. Harrell is growing berries on a small basis, he has increased his patch to about eight-tenths of an acre this year.

"Mr. Harrell probably inherited a strawberry neck from his father, who used to grow as fine berries as I ever saw," Overman says. "Pochontas, Albritton, and Massey va-

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**SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS**

Washington—Election Day is Tuesday, November 6.

**Why The Date?**  
In 1845, the phrase, the "Tuesday next after the first Monday" of November, first appeared in federal legislation pertaining to elections. In that year, a bill was passed establishing a uniform election day for the election of Presidential electors. The bill in its original form sought to fix the first Tuesday in the month of November as election day for the electors. Later, the bill was amended changing the date to "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November."

**Why the amendment?**  
It is suggested that the reason for offering the amendment to the original proposal was to avoid the necessity of changing the law on which the Electoral College was required to meet.

I have not been able to find any varieties are the varieties being grown. Mr. Harrell is particularly impressed with the thriftiness of the Pochontas plants but is determined to find out which of the varieties will pay best.

reason for selecting Tuesday over any other day for the election.

**States' Role**  
Of course, the States are given the right under the Constitution to set the date they please for their elections, but the Congress has the authority to determine the date for the election of Presidential Electors.

**Uniform**  
In 1872, Congress, in passing the Apportionment Act, chose the same day for the election of members of the House of Representatives as for the election of Presidential Electors. The argument was advanced during the debate that there was lack of uniformity in election days and there was the hope advanced that the State constitutions would be changed to conform to a uniform date, for the Apportionment Bill would have no effect on State elections as such, and it was not intended to have any effect on State elections as such.

But there was a feeling against the number of times a citizen had to go to the polls.  
Later on, Congress chose the same day for the election of United States Senators.

**Maine Differs**  
Citizens of Maine vote twice, once in their State elections in September, and, of course, for the Presidential Electors in November just as the other States. But the other States have brought their constitutional provisions regarding general elections in accord with

"the Tuesday next after the first Monday" of November.

When you cast your ballot on November 6, you will be going to the voting place simultaneously with Americans in all the 48 States thanks to the efforts of those who worked for a uniform election day. Perhaps it is hard to imagine a time when the dates were not uniform, but it did exist.

I hope that you will vote on November 6.

**ESPECIALLY FOR PET OWNERS**

Numerically, the variety of parakeet known as the budgerigar ranks either first or second as the most popular pet in the United States.

It is believed that cats show a large degree of natural resistance to leptospirosis, says the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Not all biting dogs are rabid, nor do all rabid dogs bite. Some dogs get a "dumb" type of rabies instead of the furious type and do not bite unless disturbed.

Don't be surprised if you should learn some day that your dog is near-sighted. Myopia or near-sightedness is fairly common in dogs, veterinary medical authorities report.

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