Dear Senator Inouye:

I wish that it had been possible for me to accept the invitation to attend the Democratic Congressional Dinner on May 12th, but the doctors said "no".

You are meeting at a time when the Democratic Party on many levels and in many parts of the country seems to have wandered off its course.

Our Party, as the majority representative party of the nation, must never go back on its historic commitment to improve the lot of the common man and restore dignity and total freedom and security to the forgotten man. And I would urge those among us, who tend to be overzealous, not to impede our progress and stop brooding lest we incur further erosion of voter confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
Facile Fund Raising

Republicans Find That to the Victor Goes Money From Businessmen, Dummy Groups

By JERRY LANDBAUR
Staff Reporter of The WALL STREET JOURNAL

WASHINGTON — While disgruntled Demo-
crats ponder how to pay off $8 million in debts left over from the Presidential campaign, Re-
publican Party financiers are raking in contrib-
tions from men of means who want to ride with a winner.

In January and February alone, GOP fund-
rasing committees reported collecting more
than $1 million, an apparently unprecedented
figure in total for the post-election full. Part of
the money was in the form of $500-and-up dona-
tions from businessmen who gave large sums
to the Democrats during Lyndon John-
son's presidency, and $258,610 of it came from
six mysterious committees set up in Chicago,
apparently to shield publicity-shy donors from potential inquiries.

These dummy organizations exist mostly on
paper, having bank accounts but no offices or
even telephone lines. Their similar-sounding names: Illinois Citizens for Constitutional Gov-
enment, Illinois Citizens for Constitutional Progress, Illinois Citizens for Good Govern-
ment, Illinois Committee for Good Govern-
ment, Illinois Constitutional Government Commis-
sion and the Illinois Free Enterprise Commit-
mee.

In organizing paper committees, Republican
fund raisers are elaborating on techniques de-
veloped by the Democrats. Illinois is among
the states that don't have a campaign-fund dis-
closure law, so the Chicago committees needn't
assure the public that the contributions are
being returned to state authorities. Because they are deemed to operate solely in Illinois, the committees aren't
assumed under the Federal disclosure statute;
Federal law covers only political committees
supporting candidates for Federal office in
more than one state.

A Legal Loophole

Taking advantage of the legal loophole, con-
tributors in any state who prefer anonymity
can write checks to a paper committee. These
committees in turn funnel the money to GOP
headquarters in Washington. Then in account-
ning to Federal authorities for the receipts,
headquarters lists the dummy as the donor, keeping the actual contributors out of sight.

But by these circumlocutory methods of handling political funds are per-
tected; Republican spokesmen declare to
disguise the dummy committee. Moreover, they say they can't immediately identify the donors who gave the party the post-election receipts.

"We'll try to find out and let you know," one GOP financier says.

To foist the six Illinois committees' money, the Republican war chest was re-
freshed by substantial gifts from recent Demo-

crat contributors. For example, Lester Avnet, chairman of Avnet Inc., wrote seven checks for $2,500 each to Hubert Humphrey's campaign last fall, and he lent the defeat-ridden
Democrat at least $100,000 more; the debt hasn't been repaid yet. This week, however, the victorious Republicans reported receiving eight checks in January and February—seven for $2,413 and one for $2,892.

Certain former members of Lyndon John-
son's President's Club, an organization
of $1,000-and-up contributors to the Democratic cause, are the substantial donors to the
GOP. When architect Charles Lockman of
Lockman Associates, Los Angeles, was donat-
ing to the Democratic war chest ($14,500 in 1964; $5,000 in 1968), he was the target of unfailing public-

31, 1964, for example, then-Rep. Goodell (R.,
N.Y.) asserted there was an "amazing coinci-
dence" between Mr. Lockman's political gifts and certain contract awards to design Federal
hospitals.

Mr. Lockman currently is donating to the
Republicans, contributing $17,000 in the first
two months of this year plus at least $7,000 be-
fore election day.

League members in it as Federal law does
require that political committees operating in
more than one state list "the name and ad-
dress of each person" giving more than $100 in
any one year. But the most generous husband-
and-wife team of 1969—eight checks for $6,000
each—is identified in Republican reports as
"Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Gilbert, New York."...
TIME SCHEDULE
June 26, 1969

7:00 P.M. Grand Reception - Terrace Level
7:45 P.M. Ballroom doors open (International Ballroom)
8:15 P.M. Invocation - Dr. Edward G. Latch, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives
8:16 P.M. National Anthem - Everett Morrison, Metropolitan Opera
8:17 P.M. Dinner served - Bob Lorence Orchestra

9:00 PM - Steinbrenner introduces Marilyn Michaels
   9:15 PM Knights of Brass (three numbers)

9:15 PM - Lorence Orchestra
   9:30 PM

9:30 PM - Marilyn Michaels - (two numbers)
   9:40 PM

9:40 PM - Marilyn Michaels introduces 1 Encore

10:00 PM "The Brothers and Sisters"
   (20 minutes including encores)

10:00 PM - Marilyn Michaels introduces
   10:20 PM

"The World's Greatest Jazz Band"
Yank Lawson will introduce members"
(20 minutes including encores)

ALL ENTERTAINMENT ACTS MUST ADHERE TO THEIR TIME LIMITS!

CONCLUSION OF ENTERTAINMENT
10:25 P.M.                      PROGRAM OF ADDRESSES

10:25 P.M.                      Steinbrenner introduces Senator Daniel Inouye for comments
                                    "            " Senator Edmund S. Muskie for comments
                                    Senator Muskie introduces former Vice President Humphrey

10:28 PM -                      Hubert H. Humphrey for remarks - ten minutes
10:38 PM                        

10:40 PM                        Steinbrenner introduces Senator Edward M. Kennedy - Massachusetts

10:40 PM -                      Senator Kennedy introduces Senator Mansfield for remarks
10:50 PM                        ten minutes

10:50 PM -                      Steinbrenner introduces Congressman Ed Edmondson, Oklahoma
10:55 PM                        Congressman Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, Massachusetts ----assts. to chrmn.

Present Plaque to Mrs. Roberta Messerly
 Administrative Assistant to Cong. Michael J. Kirwan
           Chairman, Democratic Congressional
           Campaign Committee

10:55 PM -                      Steinbrenner introduces Spencer Oliver, President-Young Democrats
10:57 PM                        (ask all Young Democrats to stand)

11:00 PM -                      Steinbrenner introduces Majority Leader of the House, Honorable
11:10 PM                        Carl Albert-Oklahoma
 Cong. Albert introduces Speaker John W. McCormack for remarks
                                    ten minutes

11:12 PM -                      Steinbrenner introduces Senator Fred Harris-Oklahoma, Chairman
11:15 PM                        Democratic National Committee for presentation

11:15
Steinbrenner introduces Reverend Edward L. Elson, Chaplain -
U. S. Senate for the Benediction

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Rebel Democrats: Reform or Ruin

By JOHN W. KOLE of The Journal Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As comediennes Tom Smothers noted scatidy, there is something important about trying to help the poor and reform the Democratic party at the same time.

Using this standard funding device from the old politics (Republicans had a standing success here recently at $1,000 a plate), the New Democratic Coalition (NDC) managed to raise over $17,000 in debt last week at a dinner in the old $10,000 less than the $50,000 target.

Furthermore, there was considerable question whether the coalition could continue as a viable political institution. Some political professionals were wondering whether the coalition can be a significant force in the future beyond that of a liberal gayly.

But, in all, the coalition leaders have made in mind, Donald O. Peterson, Sen. Claite, coalition chairman who led the Wisconsin Democratic delegation to the 1968 national convention, replied the notion that he follow the lead of the Ripon society, the liberal Republican group which issues devices and comment research papers.

'Rebuild the Ractrack'

"It's the idea that the publics recently," Peterson added. "We're trying to build a coalition of those who are most badly treated in society and also of people who want to see politics become a moral enterprise."

The other NDC co-chairman, California labor organizer Paul Schrade, puts it this way: "Instead of choosing the foreman we are in the process of rebuilding the Ractrack.

The coalition was created from the wartime 1962 Democratic campaign last August when followers of Sen. Eugene McCarthy and Robert Kennedy gathered to find ways to make sure that the party never suffered another.

Late in November, its temporary steering committee met and pledged an effort "to transform the Democratic party into a national political instrument which will represent and provide avenues of participation for all citizens."

"We are particularly concerned to support and forward the participation of those who have been effectively excluded from political, economic and social power such as blacks, Spanish speaking Americans, poor whites, Indian and young people," the statement said.

Because the Democratic national committee under its new chairman, Sen. Fred Harris, is moving quickly to accomplish party reform and is sticking out liberal positions on a wide range of domestic issues, the NDC may be forced even farther to the left.

Loss in Los Angeles

And it cannot shake the suspicion that it is another front for the expected 1972 presidential bid by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), even though most of the people who got the organization going were McCarthy partisans.

In Los Angeles, the group was disheartened by a powerful display of old politics in Mayor Sam Yorty's upset victory for a third term over Negro Councilman Thomas MacKee. Tommy MacKee, whose campaign staff included two national NDC steering committee members.

One of the central problems for the NDC is how it will be striking middle class whites to the battle, as they were enlisted in some states for McCarthy, particularly in Wisconsin and Oregon.

Patrick J. Lucey, the dinner chairman last weekend and former Wisconsin lieutenant governor, has found an enthusiastic response to his NDC activity in Dane county and some other areas in Wisconsin.

Sen. Harold Hughes

Patrick J. Lucey

Donald O. Peterson

Sen. Harold Hughes

Peterson is expected to run for governor again in 1970. But Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Wis.), staunch supporter of Vice-President Humphrey in 1968, has only harshest things to say about the coalition and Lucey's involvement.

"They're raising the party," Zablocki claimed in an interview last week. "This coalition wants to divide and take over. I have told Pat Lucey that he's in the coalition I cannot support because of any charge.

"In Zablocki's view, Lucey and other Democrats set on their hands after the convention last year and enabled Richard Nixon to beat Humphrey by a narrow margin.

"If the Pat Luceys around the country had been doing their job, Hubert Humphrey would be in the White House today," Zablocki declared.

In the view of Zablocki and some others, there is nothing wrong with the old politics that some intense organizational and campaign activity can't repair.

But Lucey and others active in the coalition, are convinced that substantial reform is necessary to revamp the party throughout the United States. How to do this without driving out too many of the old guards is a problem. As one of members in the Democratic party should be over there with those old cats.

"In an interview, Lucey cited the Democrats in the state and aren't divided on some of the real issues facing the American people.

"It's important to have one organization that can speak out in a clear voice without equivocation, against the Vietnam and the AID (the atomic test-smoke-stack system) and for an expanded poverty program," Lucey said.

"I think our emphasis on grass roots activity will strengthen the Democratic party by bringing in great involvement.

Lucey believes that in Wisconsin activity of the coalition will not be smoothly with the long tradition of state Democratic party of citizen involvement and orientation to public service.

"In the long run the coalition in Wisconsin will be part of the party. It's part of a long series of coalitions in the Milwaukee Socialists and Panthers who joined our ranks," he said.

Around the country, NDC claims, have 75,000 members in about 35 states.

Sen. Harold Hughes (D-S.D.) declared that "the truth is that our political parties have become corrupt, badly controlled and neither accessible for responsive to the rank and file of the constituencies of America."
McGovern launches fund for liberals

Sen. George C. McGovern (D) of South Dakota has launched a selective campaign fund drive for the reelection of 14 liberal Democratic senators who are expected to draw the heaviest fire from Republicans in the 1970 campaign.

Senator McGovern has stepped temporarily out of his role as chairman of the party's Convention Reform and Delegate Selection Committee to head what he and liberal associates call the "1970 Campaign Fund."

In an appeal for immediate donations, as well as further gifts next fall and in 1970, Senator McGovern listed 14 senators he classed as progressive minded. He said they need help in their costly campaigns.

Among those he listed are Sens. Mike Mansfield of Montana and his leadership assistant, Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

McCarthy included

Although Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota has said he will not be his party's candidate for reelection, Senator McGovern included this former competitor for the 1968 presidential nomination.

The South Dakota Senator placed Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, last year's vice-presidential nominee, among those he said need funds to help combat what he called the enormous sums being raised by conservatives to defeat the liberals.


Senator McGovern's own term runs to 1975.
DEMOCRATS SCORE PARTY IN GEORGIA

Atlanta Mayor Says It Has 'A History of Abuse'

By E. W. KENWORTHY
Special to The New York Times

ATLANTA, June 16—"The history of Democratic party politics in Georgia is a history of abuse and misuse of the very system on which our nation, and our party, was founded," Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. said today.

Mayor Allen, who retires this year after eight years in office, made this statement as the lead-off witness at a hearing conducted by a special commission on reform of the process of selecting delegates for the Democratic National Convention.

"If your committee was studying the habits of the kangaroo, you would go to Australia," the Atlanta mayor said. "Since you are interested in correcting the ill and evil of Democratic party organization and practices, you have come to the State of Georgia."

This was the 16th and last of hearings held around the country the last two months by study groups of the commission that is formally known as the Democratic National Committee Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection. The commission is headed by Senator George S. McGovern of South Dakota. Mr. McGovern was in the chair today as a long procession of witnesses protested what Mayor Allen characterized as the system of "closed-circuit party politics" in Georgia.

Battle at Convention

Great interest had attached to this hearing because it was a credentials fight involving the Georgia delegation at the convention last August that led to formation of the McGovern commission.

The convention adopted a resolution declaring that in 1972 each state Democratic party must undertake "to assure that delegates are selected through primary, convention or committees procedures open to public participation."

Georgia law leaves delegate selection to the parties, and the Democratic party rules allow the state chairman—with the advice and consent of the Governor—to appoint the delegates.

In effect this means that the Governor can select the delegates, and last year Gov. Lester Maddox, although he supported the third-party Presidential candidate, George C. Wallace of Alabama, picked the "certified" delegation.

This delegation was challenged by one put up by the Georgia Democratic Party Forum, headed by Julian Bond, a Negro state legislator.

The convention divided the delegation between the regulars and the challenging group. Mayor Allen told the commission today:

"A system of delegate selection which allows a single individual to hand pick convention delegates without regard to democratic principles is incongruous and absurd. It is especially so when the individual doing the picking has a long history of disloyalty to the party and publicly consorts with and supports the enemies of the party."

The 'Socialist Arm'

Although Senator McGovern had invited Governor Maddox to testify today, the Governor did not appear. Earlier, Governor Maddox had said that the McGovern commission was "an arm of the Socialist part of the party."

Mr. Allen was followed by Carl E. Sanders, Governor from 1963 to 1967, who is expected to run again for Governor next year.

Mr. Sanders said that the people of Georgia, and especially the young people, would no longer put up with the "old monolithic political organizations" and "are demanding a party with contemporary relevance rather than historical credentials."

At the same time Mr. Sanders stressed the hope that the national party would trust the Georgia party to effect its own reforms and not attempt to be a patronizing overseer.

Mr. Sanders expressed confidence in the state reform committee of 30 members appointed by the state chairman, James H. Gray, last February to study party rules.

This confidence was not shared today by Mr. Bond or by A. T. Kehrer, chairman of the Democratic Party Forum and director of the civil rights division of the Georgia American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In their testimony they noted that the reform commission named by Mr. Gray had only two Negroes, only one woman, only one member under 30 and no A.F.L.-C.I.O. representatives.

Most of the members, Mr. Kehrer and Mr. Bond said, could be expected to resist significant reforms.

Chief of these reforms. Mr. Bond said, should be a party registration law to stop the cross-over of Republicans to vote in Democratic primaries, thus giving the Democratic party its most conservative office-seekers.

Mr. Bond also said that in the selection of delegates to national and state conventions there should be some kind of proportional representation to protect the rights of minorities.
June 14, 1969

Mr. Frank N. Hoffmann
Executive Director
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
Room 130 Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Nordy:

Enclosed is a tentative, "thought-provoking" time schedule for the Dinner.

Permit me to suggest that Senator Muskie, before he introduces Humphrey, be allowed to praise the great work done by his successor, Chairman Inouye of the Senate Campaign Committee.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Neale Roach
Director

Enclosure
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TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

June 26, 1969 DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL DINNER

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10:16   -  Senator Muskie introduces Vice President Humphrey for remarks
10:21   -  Steinbrenner introduces Senator Kennedy
10:22   -  Senator Kennedy introduces Senator Mansfield for remarks
10:27   -  Steinbrenner introduces Congressman Edmondson
10:28   -  Congressman Edmondson together with Vice President Humphrey/presentation of plaque
10:33   -  Steinbrenner introduces Carl Albert
10:34   -  Carl Albert introduces Speaker McCormack for remarks
10:39   -  Steinbrenner introduces Dr. Elson for Benediction

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Dinner, Thursday, June 26, 1969 - - - - Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.
TO: INITIAL

1. Senator Inouye via Eiler Ravnholt

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REMARKS:

FROM: Nordy

DATE: 6/12/69
PROGRAM

PRESIDING:

GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III
Chairman

INVOCATION:

Reverend Edward Gardiner Latch, D.D., L.H.D.
Chaplain of the House

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Everett Morrison

ENTERTAINMENT:

Marvin Fewell at the organ (Reception)
Bob Lorence Trio (Reception)
The Bob Lorence Orchestra

Knights of Brass
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Marilyn Michaels

INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS:

Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, Maine
Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts
Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii
Honorable Gaylord Nelson, Wisconsin
Honorable Ed Edmondson, Oklahoma
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Massachusetts
Honorable Carl Albert, Oklahoma
Honorable Michael J. Kirwan, Oklahoma

ADDRESSES:

Honorable Mike Mansfield, Montana
Honorable John W. McCormack, Massachusetts

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain of the Senate
YOUR SUPPORT

HELPED CHANGE NATIONAL DIRECTIONS LAST YEAR

But the danger is not over. President Eisenhower "told it like it is" when he spoke of the danger of the military-industrial complex. It is with us now, devouring our resources - and destroying our sons.

More than $80 billion a year goes to support a war no one wants, and for future wars too horrible to contemplate. Instead of redirecting some of this vast treasure to solve pressing human problems - in our cities, in education, in fighting pollution - the administration moves to spend more billions for an ABM system. It asks for civilian budget cuts of as much as 10%, but for little more than 1% reduction in the military money grab.

Will you join with us in telling the Administration, the military, and war industry that the headlong rush to destruction must be stopped? You can do it by attending the -

NEW DEMOCRATIC COALITION DINNER

May 24 - Sheraton Park Hotel - Washington, D.C.

Speakers: Senators

GEORGE McGOVERN - TED KENNEDY - HAROLD HUGHES

Hundreds of liberals whose support last year was so important will be there. Can we count on you to be there? Dinner tickets are $100 each. $1,000 reserves a table for 10 and your name will appear as a Sponsor. If you cannot attend your contribution will be most welcome. Funds will be used to provide the national coordination so necessary for the fight.

Talking about the insanity of senseless wars, about the bankruptcy of the present leadership, about the misdirected application of our talents and treasures is no good. We must do something about it.

Can we count on your help? Send your check today and let the amount be a measure of your determination to call a halt - while there is still time.

...speaking for the NEW DEMOCRATIC COALITION
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FEBRUARY 19, 1969

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUYE OF HAWAII AND REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL J. KIRWAN OF OHIO, RESPECTIVE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES, TODAY ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL DINNER.


THE DINNER WILL BE HELD IN THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL, MONDAY, MAY 12, 1969, AND EARLY RESPONSE INDICATES THIS WILL BE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENT OF ITS KIND EVER HELD IN WASHINGTON. FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TWO CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES.

SENATOR INOUYE AND CONGRESSMAN KIRWAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE DINNER COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN OPENED AT SUITE 281, MAYFLOWER HOTEL, UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF NEA FAN ROACH WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
Thank you letter to those who contributed through DKI:

Dear------:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks for your participation in our recent successful dinner. Without your generous good help, I could not today take such a measure of satisfaction in the knowledge that we are off to a good beginning in helping my Democratic colleagues in their efforts to gain re-election.

Your help has permitted success on this occasion. I am confident it will ensure that of my colleagues next year. Thank you.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUYE
Chairman,
Senatorial Campaign Committee
My Fellow Democrats:

My hopes and good wishes are with you as you launch a new political season.

My thoughts go back to Washington as I first knew it 37 years ago. It was a place and a time of high excitement. Those of us who were young and concerned knew that change was coming, and that it would bring better days for the Nation. We knew that the Democratic Party would be the vehicle for that change, and we wanted part of the action.

We can look back now with satisfaction on the nearly four decades of action we got. Democratic Administrations and Democratic Congresses expanded the horizons of America, and life did become better for all our people.

But looking ahead has always come more naturally to Democrats than looking back. And tonight there is much for Democrats to look ahead to. There are all those proud gains we labored so hard to achieve, which must now be preserved and protected. And there is the work left unfinished -- children still without health care, and men still without jobs. There are cities to be built and rivers to be saved. There is peace to be won and secured in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. There is peace to be sought -- urgently and stubbornly -- along the barriers of a Cold War we all wish to relegate to history.

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There is work to be done. And there is action enough for all.

June 20, 1969
My Fellow Democrats:

The word we hear along the Pedernales is that spring along the Potomac has never been lovelier. It is the first I have missed in many seasons.

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April 28, 1969
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Dear Senator Inouye:

President Johnson asked me to send you the attached statement, which you can read at the Democratic Congressional Dinner on May 12.

Sincerely,

W. Thomas Johnson
Executive Assistant

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.
May 1, 1969

Mr. W. Thomas Johnson  
Executive Assistant  
Office of Lyndon B. Johnson  
Federal Office Building  
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