

Inouye's campaigns: 1992: Individuals related to the campaign: Nishiki, Wayne

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HONOLULU (AP) U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye should leave the Democratic Party, or the party should expel him, Wayne Nishiki said Saturday.

Nishiki, a Maui County councilman and a candidate for Inouye's seat, was bounced from the party June 13 for supporting the U.S. Senate campaign of a Republican, his longtime friend state Sen. Rick Reed.

Nishiki charged Saturday that Inouye supported the 1990 re-election bid of Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon.

To support his claim, Nishiki produced a copy of an American Political Network news summary, which quoted Hatfield as saying Inouye helped his campaign by taping a radio commercial for him and by participating in a telephone fund-raising effort.

"This makes it clear that Inouye himself has publicly endorsed and campaigned for a Republican, and that the Democratic Party did nothing about it," Nishiki said. "This proves that both Inouye and his loyal party soldiers selectively enforce the rules."

On Nov. 3, 1990, Hatfield's press secretary Bill Calder quoted Inouye as saying in the commercial that Hatfield was a man of

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Inouye as saying in the commercial that Hatfield was a man of
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character and integrity.

Inouye spokesman Nestor Garcia said Saturday from Washington that Inouye never endorsed Hatfield, and only spoke favorably of him at a public forum in Portland.

''He (Inouye) did not contribute to the senator through a phone bank or through monetary contributions,'' Garcia said. ''Our only contribution to the senator, if you could call it that, were these warm words of praise that were mentioned at a public forum for veterans.''

Nishiki has claimed his ouster from the party was orchestrated by Inouye, because Inouye did not want to face him in the primary. Inouye has denied the allegation, saying he wanted Nishiki to remain in the party.

Nishiki said he was still considering whether an appeal of his expulsion from the party was necessary, since he remained listed as a Democratic primary senatorial candidate with state elections officials. Nishiki has until Tuesday to decide.

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By BRUCE DUNFORD=
Associated Press Writer=
HONOLULU (AP) Maui County Councilman Wayne Nishiki is the first Democrat to file nomination papers for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Democratic incumbent Daniel Inouye. ``It's time to take back the Democratic Party from the dictators and emperors who now control it and return it to the people of Hawaii,`` Nishiki said after he filed his papers Wednesday in the office of the lieutenant governor. He's the second candidate to file. His friend, Republican state Sen. Rick Reed, filed for the office in late April. With Inouye and the other leaders, the Democratic Party in Hawaii ``has ceased to be the party of the little guy and instead has become the party of the rich and powerful, the party of foreign investors and special interests,`` Nishiki said. In response to questions, Nishiki repeated his denial of a claim by party leaders that Nishiki is part of Reed's effort to defeat Inouye in the general election. He said he would not later withdraw his filing in the Senate race so he can seek re-election this to the Maui County Council.
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When asked who he thought Reed would make a better U.S. senator than Inouye, Nishiki replied, ``yes.`` However, he also said he felt he, Nishiki, would make a better senator than Reed. Nishiki declined to say if he would be supporting Reed if he

loses to Inouye in the primary election.

Nishiki criticized Inouye for using taxpayers' money instead of his own campaign funds for the recent mass mailing of brochures to Hawaii residents.

Nishiki, who has served on the county council for 12 years, repeated his call for Inouye to engage in a series of debates on several issues. He said he was prepared to debate Inouye on any of the national issues.

Nishiki said he has \$3,000 or \$4,000 left in his campaign fund, but said he had no firm figures immediately available on how much he has spent thus far.

He declined to disclose what his future campaign ads will include.



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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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DATE: 6/10/92

SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE - NISHIKI

Number of pages including this cover sheet: 3

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For your information and review...

Please contact JOYE at (808) 591-8683 if you have any problems with this transmission.

• DANIEL K. INOUE IN 92 •

FOR: Immediate Release
FROM: Wayne Nishiki
CONTACT: 242-1051

June 10, 1992

"It's time to take back the Democratic Party from the dictators and emperors who now control it and return it to the people of Hawaii," said Maui Councilman Wayne Nishiki today as he filed nomination papers for the U.S. Senate.

Nishiki, who is the only official Democratic candidate in the race, said: "The main reason I am running against Dan Inouye is to restore the Democratic Party as the party of the people, and thereby deserving of the people's restored faith."

"With Dan Inouye at the helm for the last 20 years the Democratic Party has ceased to be the party of the little guy, and instead has become the party of the rich and powerful, the party of foreign investors and special interests."

"The problem is Dan Inouye has grown out of touch with the needs and concerns of Hawaii's people," Nishiki said. "A perfect example is his recent production and mass mailing of a campaign brochure at taxpayer expense even though he has an immense campaign war chest."

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"Dan Inouye has delivered nothing but crumbs and false promises to the people of Hawaii," Nishiki said. "At the same time he has refused to accept any responsibility for his failure to return native Hawaiians to their land, or for his role in allowing foreign investment in Hawaii's residential market to drive up the cost of housing for local people."

Nishiki concluded: "The people of Hawaii can no longer afford a U.S. Senator as out of touch as Dan Inouye."

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Nishiki Challenges Inouye To Debate

Nishiki: "Let's stop name-calling and get down to the issues."

In the past I have called Dan Inouye a "traitor" because he favors foreigners who invest in Hawaii residential property over the needs of our own local people. In response Dan Inouye has called me an "anti-Japanese racist." He has also called me "un-American" because of my television ad.

I say it is time to stop all of the accusations and name-calling and get to the substance behind them. That's why I have challenged my opponent Dan Inouye to a series of debates on the serious issues facing the people of Hawaii and our country.

This is a challenge not only to Inouye, but to the television media as well, which *by its very nature tends to report the slogans and one-liners, but not the substance behind them.* This is unfortunate because it only encourages this type of communication. For instance, both the media and Inouye have made a big deal of my calling Inouye a "traitor," but not one reporter has ever asked Inouye to respond to the issue of foreign investment driving up the cost of housing for local people.

When Inouye responded by calling me an "anti-Japanese racist" the media dutifully reported it, but to this date nobody has asked him *how can I be anti-Japanese when I am Japanese myself?* So the media isn't asking the right questions, and politicians like Inouye are not saying anything of substance. Neither one of them is doing their job or addressing the real issues.

Therefore, I have proposed a minimum of 3 half-hour to one-hour-long television debates on the subjects which are most important to us:

- * **The Environment:** *Local, national, and global*
- * **Housing:** *Foreign investment in Hawaii, Hawaiian Home Lands*
- * **Education and the Economy**

Dan Inouye and I have sharply contrasting views on each of these subjects, and the people have a right to compare our views before they vote. Inouye has been complaining about negative campaigning and has publicly stated he wants to focus on the issues. Well, I am ready, willing, and able. All that's left is for Inouye to accept my challenge. I'm hoping that Mr. Inouye will accept my challenge and that both our staffs can immediately begin making arrangements for the debates to begin.

In fact, I'm hoping the first debate can take place as early as the end of June.

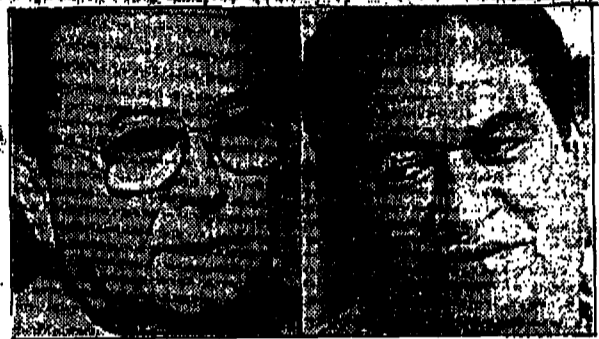
Sincerely,

Wayne Nishiki
Wayne Nishiki

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NISHIKI URGES INOUE: CUT TIES TO MEHAU



Dear Senator Inouye,

As a Democrat, it saddens me to see our reputation as Hawaii's Party of cronyism and corruption grow worse every year.

Evidence in the Reed vs. Mehau trial, including testimony of U.S. Attorney Daniel Bent, convinced practically everyone in Hawaii that Mehau - one of the most powerful men in our Democratic Party - is the godfather of organized crime in Hawaii. Why was Mehau allowed to gain such a position of influence in our Party?

As the kingpin of our Democratic Party for decades, you could have prevented or curbed Mehau's influence in our Party. But you chose not to. Why? Is it because, as Mehau testified, you and he have been friends and political allies for the past 30 years? Or is it because you've become so out of touch with our party and state that you didn't know what was going on? Did you just not care? Or perhaps you've been understandably reluctant to take Mehau on? In any case, you can no longer avoid your grave responsibility as leader of our Party.

Senator Inouye, it's time for you to do what you should have done a long time ago: Break all your ties to Mehau and use your influence to pressure other Party leaders to do the same. Such a bold and courageous act will begin to restore people's faith in our Democratic Party. Your failure to take such bold action, however, would further erode people's faith in our Party and in you.

The people of Hawaii and I respectfully await your response.

Sincerely, Wayne K. Nishiki • Maui County Councilman • U.S. Senate Candidate

Friends: I would greatly appreciate any financial assistance you can offer to help me cover the cost of this open letter. Please send contributions to: Friends of Wayne Nishiki • 800 Kaikoo St. • Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 - which has paid for this ad.

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TO: DONNA

FROM: BRIAN / GREGG

DATE: 5/29/92

SUBJECT: ~~FOR - CAYETANO~~

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COMMENTS:

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Office of the Lieutenant Governor

News Release

Benjamin J. Cayetano, Lieutenant Governor

State Office Tower

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

May 29, 1992

CAYETANO RESPONDS TO ALLEGATIONS

"Lieutenant Governor Benjamin Cayetano today responded to allegations that his campaign violated State and federal campaign spending laws by paying for the printing of invitations to a gathering honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

"Simply put, we checked with both the State Campaign Spending Commission and Federal Elections Commission prior to making the commitment," said Cayetano. "It would have been a simple enough matter for my accusers to have made the same calls. It would have been the responsible and professional thing to do. Or, had these people provided me with the courtesy of an inquiry, they would have learned that the federal law's prohibition of corporate contributions are not violated since my corporate and individual contributions are maintained in separate accounts. Even had corporate funds been comingled with individual contributions, federal law only requires proof that sufficient individual funds existed in the Committee."

"But it also would have meant missing an opportunity to make groundless headline-grabbing accusations that call into question the integrity of the honorable men and women who support Senator Inouye and myself. I am disgusted by the continuing use of the 'big lie' technique by Senator Inouye's declared opponents and I think that the public should be reminded that this is not new to them.

"Since his entry into Hawaii politics in 1976 as a candidate for Mayor from the 'Independents for Godly Government' political party, Wayne Nishiki has routinely made reckless and false accusations about his opponents and their supporters.

"This same technique has now been directed towards Senator Inouye and myself. The Senator has been called a 'traitor', a 'godfather' and in an act of thinly veiled racism, an 'emperor'. Nishiki's attacks on the Senator disgrace the democratic electoral process. Now I have been accused of violating the law. This accusation is simply an attempt to mislead the public by misrepresenting or ignoring the law's clear meaning. I am sickened by this technique and hope that the people of Hawaii share my disgust.

"If anyone is currently violating campaign spending laws, it is Councilman Nishiki. Everyone knows that Nishiki has been spending thousands of dollars on expensive television ads to boost Rick Reed's campaign. I seriously doubt that Nishiki will put his money where his mouth is and give up his Council seat to run for the United States Senate. His so-called campaign is probably nothing more than a front for Rick Reed. If this is the case, then Nishiki is contributing thousands of dollars worth of media time to Rick Reed--his supposed campaign being nothing more than a way to circumvent federal \$1,000 contribution limit.

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BC-HI--Lanai,0310<

LANAI CITY (AP) Dole Food Co. Chairman David Murdock says members of the Maui County Council are holding up approval of development plans, and that their opposition will ``destroy'' the people of Lanai.

Murdock made his comments at a public hearing Tuesday, where he again asked the Council to approve the development plan so work could continue.

Dole owns almost the entire island of Lanai, and has built two luxury hotels and a golf course as it shifts toward tourism and away from the pineapple growing that has characterized the island's life for decades.

``There are a few people on this island and some members of the Maui County Council who would destroy the people of this island,'' Murdock said.

Most of the 150 people who attended the meeting at Lanai School cheered after Murdock's statement, but Councilmen Goro Hokama and Wayne Nishiki refuted Murdock's claims that they are anti-development.

Hokama said he voted in favor of the two hotels. Nishiki drew snickers when he said he wasn't anti-development, just for ``responsible'' development, and admitted he hadn't voted favorably on any aspect of the resort project.

The Council is considering two sets of bills to allow for the building of a second golf course and a community of luxury homes Dole says are necessary to make the entire project economically feasible.

Murdock said concerns that the island would be changed drastically by a luxury development are unfounded, and pointed to such developments on Molokai and Maui as proof.

While most of 50 speakers at the meeting spoke in favor of development, some expressed concerns about whether there's enough water to accommodate growth, or asked for assurances the luxury development wouldn't increase costs for all homeowners, and that Lanai residents get first shot at all new jobs created.

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

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Nestor:

Can you fax the Dec. 7 Nishiki ad to the following (per Henry's request)

Dr. Richard Katz





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Additional instructions:

*Sally - I need to get ^{something} ~~it~~ to Dr. Katz
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*Friday
April 17th*

TO: *Sally Watanabe / Divina*
FROM: *Joe*

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Additional instructions:

Sally - Mr. Katz (San Diego) needs to get the original Dec 7th ad from "Nashiki" on "tractor" issue. Nestor said he has it in one of his files in D.C. Can one of you (Sally or Divina) get in touch with Nestor on Monday & then express mail - Sally can sign the check - to Katz - Thanks - Joe

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OFFICE OF SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

TO: Dr. Richard Katz

FROM: Nestor Garcia PHONE: (202)224-6629

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DATE: Mar. 27 TIME: _____

COMMENTS: Per Henry Giugni, I am forwarding copy of

newspaper advertisement that appeared in

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OCTOBER 17, 1991

PRESS RELEASE BY:

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE K. NISHIKI

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

PHONE: 242-8875

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Claiming "It's time to dump Dan," Maui County Councilman Wayne Nishiki today launched a Democratic Primary run at the U.S. Senate seat presently held by Dan Inouye. This announcement by the long-time, popular councilman follows Inouye's refusal to respond to Nishiki's call for his resignation in the wake of national news focus on the failings of the Hawaiian Homes program.

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In a letter to Inouye (September 18), Nishiki said he was ashamed by Inouye's "cowardly and dishonest reaction" to a Wall Street Journal article that focused on the federal and state government's failure to make available to Native Hawaiians land set aside for them by Congress in 1921. Responding to Inouye's defense that "There is enough blame to go around for everyone," Nishiki wrote Inouye that "trying to blame others, or even to attempt to make excuses, is unbecoming and beneath a person of your position."

Nishiki wrote, "I appeal to you to do the honorable thing: Admit your guilt, apologize to the Hawaiian people, and resign from the United States Senate." Through a spokesman, Inouye refused to respond to Nishiki's appeal.

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At a press conference today, Nishiki said, "Senator Inouye's refusal to accept responsibility for his role in the rip-off of the Hawaiian people makes it clear that he has lost all sense of honor. I have no alternative but to challenge Inouye in the 1992 Democratic Primary."

The environmentalist Maui County Councilman, who came within 1,500 votes of winning the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in 1978, said he will be "offering an alternative to those Democrats who share my embarrassment that the Hawaii democratic Party with Dan Inouye at the helm for the past 20 years has become the party of the rich, the powerful, the foreign investors, and special interests."

Nishiki said he will be communicating with democrats statewide, "letting them know my candidacy would give them a choice: If they're proud of a party that represents the fat cats and special interests, then they can continue to vote for Dan Inouye. But if they want to be part of a party that represents the little guy and has real aloha for Native Hawaiians and for Mother Earth, then they can vote for Wayne Nishiki. I believe the Democratic voters will agree it's time to dump Dan."

Nishiki said he made the decision to run against Inouye "after finding agreement among Democrats that Inouye must be removed from the U.S. Senate, but not seeing any other Democrat willing to challenge him."

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Nishiki said Inouye "has become arrogant and out of touch with the people. His recent whirlwind media tours in Hawaii are a shibai designed to counter the reality that Inouye is out of touch with the grassroots. It's like a king coming down off his throne for a few days to meet with his subjects so that they don't revolt.

"The media continues to treat Inouye like a king, kissing his okole. I'm going to be challenging Inouye on the issues--showing just how out of touch he is with the local people--and I hope the media will begin giving balanced coverage rather than what amounts to promotional pieces for Inouye."

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