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FEC RELEASES LIST OF "NON-FILERS"

WASHINGTON-January 21- The FEC today published the names of 47 House candidates and 2 Senate candidates from 25 states and the District of Columbia who failed to file the required post-election report of their campaign finances. The report was due December 2, 1976, 30 days after the November 2 general election.

In addition to publishing the names of non-filers, the FEC has the authority to undertake further enforcement action under the statute, including civil court enforcement and imposition of civil fines of not more than \$5,000 for "any violation" and not more than \$10,000 for a "knowing and willful violation". To date, the Commission has initiated 17 civil court suits to compel candidates to file earlier reports and to impose civil fines for failure to file reports.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended in 1974 and 1976, states that "It shall be the duty of the Commission to...prepare and publish from time to time special reports listing those candidates...for whom...reports were not filed as so required."

Federal candidates and committees must file a post-election report 30 days after each election, covering their financial transactions from 15 days before the election to 20 days after the election. Under FEC procedures, three notices are sent to the candidates and committees, reminding them of their reporting obligations, and urging compliance. If a report is not filed following these notices, the names of the "non-filers" are made public.

The FEC procedures are as follows:

...-"Prior notice" is the first reminder, which was sent on a routine basis prior to the election to all candidates whose names were on the November 2 general election ballot in their respective states, as certified by their Secretary of State, and confirmed by lists of the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. This notice reminds candidates and committees of the required 10-day pre-election and 30-day post-election reports, and the appropriate filing dates.

...-The second notice was sent December 10 to candidates and committees whose post-election reports had not been received by that date. This notice stated that this "apparent failure...gives the Commission reason to believe" that the candidate or committees were in violation of the reporting requirements.

...-The third notice was sent, December 20 to candidates and committees whose post-election reports had still not been filed. This notice stated that "continued failure to file has given the Commission reasonable cause to believe" that they were in violation, and that "failure to respond may subject (the candidate or committee) to...civil penalties and...to publication of (the candidate's or committee's) name on the list of non-filers."

...-When a candidate or committee continues to fail to file after receiving the "prior notice" reminder, and the "reason to believe" and "reasonable cause to believe" notices, the Commission publishes the names of the candidates on a list of non-filers.

The following candidates and/or their "principal campaign committees" failed to file December 2 post-election reports following the November 2 general election:

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| <u>State</u> | <u>Candidate</u> |
|----------------------|--|
| California | Oscar Klee (2nd Dist.) Democrat |
| " | Tom Spinoso (6th Dist.) Republican |
| Colorado | Lann Meyers (1st Dist.) U.S. Labor |
| " | Alfredo Archer (3rd Dist.) La Raza Unida |
| Connecticut | Anthony Discepolo (2nd Dist.) Independent |
| Delaware | Joseph F. McInnerney (Sen.) non-partisan |
| District of Columbia | Louis S. Aronica (00 Dist.) D.C. Statehood |
| Illinois | Spencer Leak (2nd Dist.) Republican |
| " | Frank Collin (3rd Dist.) White Power |
| " | Newell Ward (7th Dist.) Republican |
| " | Peter G. Prineas (24th Dist.) Republican |
| Indiana | John E. Tipton (7th Dist.) Democrat |
| Iowa | James D. Roberson (2nd Dist.) Independent |
| Kansas | David N. Scoggin (2nd Dist.) Prohibition |
| " | Robert A. Cowdrey (4th Dist.) American |
| Louisiana | Richard A. Tonry (1st Dist.) Democrat |
| Maryland | William Salisbury, (7th Dist.) Independent |
| Massachusetts | Richard W. Daly (7th Dist.) Republican |
| " | James J. Murphy (7th Dist.) Independent |
| " | Joseph M. O'Loughlin (9th Dist.) Independent |
| Michigan | Isaac Hood (1st Dist.) Republican |
| " | Edward W. Aho (11th Dist.) Human Rights |
| " | Marshall F. Moser (14th Dist.) Libertarian |
| " | Aldi C. Fuhrmann (15th Dist.) American |
| " | Independent |
| " | William E. Rostron (16th Dist.) Republican |
| Nevada | James Burns (00 Dist.) Libertarian |
| New Hampshire | John Adams (1st Dist.) Republican |
| New Jersey | Walter M. Swirsky (3rd Dist.) Libertarian |
| " | Jack Moyers (4th Dist.) Libertarian |
| " | Tony Grandison (10th Dist.) Republican |
| " | Robert Ryley (14th Dist.) Libertarian |
| New York | Seth C. Morgan (1st Dist.) Conservative |
| " | Martin S. Shepherd, Jr. (12th Dist.) Conservative |
| " | Ned Schneier (17th Dist.) Liberal |
| " | Calvin Kimbrough (37th Dist.) Republican |
| North Carolina | Roy Underwood (11th Dist.) American |
| Ohio | Karl T. Untch, (19th Dist.) Independent |
| " | Theodore Held III (20th Dist.) Independent |
| " | Anthony R. Curry (21st Dist.) Independent |
| Oklahoma | Donald F. Parker (5th Dist.) Independent |
| Pennsylvania | Andrew J. Watson (Sen.) Constitutional |
| " | Dennis Grant (2nd Dist.) Revolutionary Workers |
| " | Jesse W. Woods, Jr. (2nd Dist.) Republican |
| " | Terence J. Schade (3rd Dist.) Republican |
| South Dakota | Donald Stevens (1st Dist.) Independent |
| Texas | William K. Hathcock (13th Dist.) American |
| Utah | Harry B. Gerlach (1st Dist.) American |
| Washington | Gene Goosman (7th Dist.) American Constitution |
| Wisconsin | R. Julian Chapman (5th Dist.) Independent |