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815 16th STREET, N.W.
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No. 11-62

May 21, 1962

PRIMARY ROUND-UP—COPE SCORES WELL

May 8 primary election excitement centered in Texas where COPE-supported **Don Yarborough** won a place in June 2 run-off for Democratic gubernatorial nomination against John Connally. . . . Also in Texas, COPE-backed Benton Musslewhite may yet win 7th District Democratic Congressional nomination over incumbent ultra-conservative John Dowdy . . . recount showed Dowdy ahead by 41 votes, **but there's a question if election laws were compiled with . . .** Texas Attorney-General has been asked to impound ballots . . . if he fails to act, **the case may be taken to court.**

In OHIO, Gov. Mike DiSalle squeaked through to nomination for second term, **may hit rough sledding** against GOP's James Rhodes, State Auditor . . . little known Richard D. Kennedy (D.) nominated to face Bob Taft Jr. for new Congressman-at-Large seat . . . COPE-backed **State Sen. Oliver Ocasek** easily won 14th District Democratic nomination, will face conservative Republican William Ayres.

In FLORIDA, encouraging success for COPE-supported liberal, former **Senator Claude Pepper**, who won handily in bid for 3rd District Democratic nomination . . . Incumbent **Congressman Dante Fascell**, with COPE support, walloped segregationist David Eldredge for renomination to 4th District seat.

In NEW MEXICO, COPE's special effort in behalf of incumbent **Rep. Joseph M. Montoya** helped him to Democratic renomination over Joseph E. Montoya (no relation).

In ALABAMA, COPE **rang up a perfect 1.000 batting average.** All candidates with COPE support won nomination.

In MARYLAND, May 15, COPE-backed liberal, **Carlton Sickles**, edged by to win Democratic Congressman-at-Large nomination.

WORD OF CAUTION

As Gen. Edwin A. Walker dissolves into the twilight of a brief political career, **it would be a mistake** to scorn the right wing's political influence. True, it flopped with its own candidate. It often flops when it goes directly to the voters. **But Walker picked up 130,000 of the more than 1.3 million votes cast** in the Texas Democratic gubernatorial primary, nearly 10 percent. Figures that large still represent a force to be reckoned with, even if the "Man on a White Horse" has been dumped on his saddle sores.

GEORGE MEANY, Chairman

WM. F. SCHNITZLER, Secy.-Treas.

JAMES L. McDEVITT, National Director

THE DOCTOR'S OATH—A REFRESHER COURSE

A group of New Jersey doctors has started a snowball of political blackmail against the health care bill. They've been joined by medical men elsewhere, and some state medical societies. The AMA has **failed to condemn** their threat to boycott the plan. Maybe they all should be reminded of these words from the Hippocratic Oath taken by all medical students upon graduation:

"You do solemnly swear . . . that you will lead your lives and practice your art in uprightness and honor; that into whatsoever house you shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick . . . (that) you hold yourself **far aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice. . . .**"

OH, WE DON'T MEAN THAT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE

The Hill-Burton Act was passed in 1946. It authorizes federal funds to help build hospitals, health centers and nursing homes. First appropriations under the act came in 1948. Since that time **\$1.8 billion** has been appropriated. **All that federal money without a whisper of "socialized medicine"** from the American Medical Association or from the doctors and state medical societies presently threatening refusal to participate in President Kennedy's health care proposal if it's passed. As Health Secretary Ribicoff said, "These doctors apparently believe it is all right for the federal government to help build the hospitals in which they practice, but that an insurance plan **that would help their patients pay their hospital bills would not be good.**"

BUT THE AMA STICKS TO ITS GUNS

ITEM: Census Bureau reports half the families whose head of household is over 65 can scrape up **less than \$200 in assets convertible to cash.**

ITEM: More than 52 percent of the aged receive **less than \$1,000 a year in money income.**

ITEM: Over-65s are hit with **twice as many** chronic illnesses as younger persons.

ITEM: From 1950-1960 medical costs **soared 47 percent.**

ITEM: Hospital charges **average nearly \$35 a day**, so high they are not a problem only for the very poor among the elderly, but for persons of moderate means as well. Hospital costs are expected to continue to **sky-rocket at the rate of 8-10 percent a year.**

ITEM: In the face of these facts, and many others showing the need for medical care for the aged under social security, the AMA still sings its sad old tune of opposition.

AMA THROWBACK TO MIDDLE AGES, PROFESSOR CHARGES

The AMA is like a "**medieval guild,**" according to Dr. James Howard Means, former Harvard professor of clinical medicine. He told the Group Health Association—which expressed support of health care under social security—the AMA strives to preserve the status quo in medical affairs and has done "**very little toward the improvement of medical care.**"

GOLDWATER KEYNOTES CONSERVATIVE ELECTION DRIVE

Conservatives are digging in for a **no-holds-barred** battle in the coming elections to **cement control** of Congress and **hobble progressive legislation**. Keynote for the effort was sounded by Sen. Barry Goldwater in a recent speech to Republican women in Washington. Said Goldwater: ". . . this is not just another off-year election. **This is an all-out drive to recapture control of the House of Representatives. . . .**"

They have two big weapons in their arsenal: money and tradition. All but once in this century, the party in the White House has lost strength in Congress in off-year elections. The following chart shows how the off-year tradition has worked since 1934:

Election Year	Elected		Gains/Losses	
	Dems.	Reps.	Dems.	Reps.
1934	322	103	+ 9	—14
1938	262	169	—71	+80
1942	222	209	—45	+47
1946	188	246	—55	+56
1950	234	199	—29	+28
1954	232	203	+19	—18
1958	283	154	+49	—47

History does **not** have to repeat itself. Labor's tools in the struggle to elect 20-30 more liberal Congressmen, thus assuring passage of good legislation, are **COPE dollars and hard work**.

Don't forget to **"Give a Buck to COPE—Register and Vote."**

FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

In 1961, 25 top corporate officers were paid \$300,000 or more, 47 drew \$200,000 to \$300,000, 338 received \$100,000 to \$200,000.

In 1961, 53 percent of all American families had incomes below \$6,000, **12 percent** below \$2,000.

In 1961, according to the Heller Budget, a reliable yardstick, it cost a family of four **\$6,777.59** to live in a typical American large city.

39 LOCALS CONTRIBUTE 100 PERCENT TO COPE

Thirty-nine more local unions have received 1962 COPE honor awards for collecting the equivalent of \$1 or more from each of their members. Listed by states they are: *Colo.*—Denver, Railroad Signalmen 119. *Ga.*—Atlanta, CTU 47 and OCAW 3-670; Rome, CWA 3219. *Ill.*—Amalgamated, OCAW 7-670; Chicago, Typographical 330; Joliet, OCAW 7-119. *Iowa*—Fort Dodge, OCAW 6-503. *Kan.*—Council Grove, CWA 6472. *Mass.*—Haverhill, IATSE 381; Williamansett, Lathers 31. *Mich.*—Lake Linden, CWA 4024; Port Huron, CWA 4107. *Mont.*—Great Falls, Brewery 200. *N.J.*—Alpha, IBEW 1940; Camden, CWA 1013; Garfield, OCAW 8-566; Trenton, CWA 1000; West Orange, IBEW 1917. *N.Y.*—Jordan, Lathers 151; Niagara Falls, IBEW 237. *N.C.*—High Point, IATSE 797. *Ohio*—Utility 434; East Palestine, Upholsterers 80; Pequa, CWA 4324; Portsmouth, CWA 4372; Toledo, CWA 4315. *Okla.*—Poteau, OCAW 5-472. *Ore.*—St. Helena, CWA 9215; Salem, IATSE 613. *Pa.*—Allentown, IATSE 585. *S.D.*—Watertown, Meat Cutters 52. *Tenn.*—Knoxville, Lathers 255. *Utah*—Provo, CWA 8306. *Wash.*—Everett, Stove Mounters 71. *W. Va.*—Huntington, Brewery 315. *Wis.*—Black River Falls, CWA 5576; Jamesville, IATSE 493; Kewaskum, Brewery 900-3.

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S ALL IN OUR IMAGINATION

Touring Texas at the expense of Blue Cross-Blue Shield in a series of attacks on health care under social security, right-wing Sen. John Tower (R.-Tex.) came up with the following, as quoted in a United Press-International story, May 14, datelined Houston: "The need for such a medical program is getting less and less, but the needs medicare is based on **were manufactured by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.**"

MAN WITH ANTI-LABOR CONVICTIONS CONVICTED

One of the endorsers of right-winger Clarence Manion's drive to clamp unions under anti-trust laws (Political Memo, April 23, 1962) had a brush with the law himself recently. **He lost.** Thurston Cooke of Louisville, Ky., is now occupying quarters in jail on charges of fraud involving more than \$1½ million.

THE 'YOU-CAN-SAY-THAT-AGAIN' DEPARTMENT

When a corporation enters politics "it does so for only one reason—**because it has an axe to grind.** The axe is the wish to advance the business ideology. And while this is understandable, it is a thoroughly perverse reason. **It's not good for the corporation and it's certainly not good for the country.**"—Industrialist Arnold Maremont, chairman of the board, Allied Paper Products.

BANKS, CORPORATIONS CLOUD TAX ISSUE

Created by banks and some large corporations, a **cloud of confusion** surrounds President Kennedy's proposal to withhold at the source taxes on dividends and interest. Reason for the withholding provision is to corral some \$650-\$800 million in legitimate revenue which the government loses annually. **This is not a new tax.** Taxpayers already must declare dividend and interest income. Many forget to do so; **many deliberately cheat.** Some Americans have been led to believe by phony claims of the bill's opponents that this is a tax on savings. **It is not.** It is a tax on **interest** from bank savings.

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IT'S COPE DOLLAR DRIVE MONTH—GIVE YOUR BUCK

It's May, COPE Dollar Drive Month, and **the outcome of the important November Congressional elections may well be decided now**, six months in advance. As COPE Director James McDevitt says, "The extent of our participation in the elections will be determined by the amount of voluntary dollars our members contribute to COPE."

At stake this year are 38 Senate seats, all seats in the House and 35 governorships. But what is really at stake **"is the kind of government we get for the next two years at least,"** according to Director McDevitt. Whether it is to be good, progressive government favorable to working people—or stand-pat, don't budge, indifferent government opposed to the interests of working people—will depend in large part on the COPE Dollar Drive, whose success rests squarely on the shoulders of union members.

Simple arithmetic illustrates the importance of COPE dollars. Right now, the Dixiecrat-conservative Republican Coalition in the House numbers 285 at full strength, 65 percent of House membership. The Coalition doesn't always vote at full strength, but even with the balance as it is today, good legislation has a rough road getting through Congress. **Any addition to Coalition strength will spell doom for progressive laws.**

COPE dollars will be used to help elect good candidates who will pass good laws, which in turn will advance the standard of living of all working people. Thus, COPE dollars invested by union members in May could **reap big dividends in the near future** in the form of more job security, better schools, a higher minimum wage, better housing programs and more protection for the unemployed.

Will anyone else be contributing political dollars this year? **You can bet on it.** The **DuPonts** and **Rockefellers** will be contributing. So will the **Mellons** and **Fords**, the **Pews** and the **Vanderbilts**. So will the **Boulwares** and **Kohlers** and **Bloughs** and **Cordiners**. They give in terms of thousands that add up to millions, and you can bet on it, too, **they don't give to help elect labor's friends!** In 1960, it took only 3,400 of them to kick in more than \$5 million in chunks \$500 and bigger to help elect labor's foes.

They'll be doing it again!

Have **you** contributed your dollar to COPE?

GEORGE MEANY, Chairman

WM. F. SCHNITZLER, Secy.-Treas.

JAMES L. McDEVITT, National Director

REGISTRATION MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY—MEANY

Labor's 1962, all-out registration drive is under way following COPE's Big Cities Conference in Washington, kicked off by AFL-CIO President George Meany's statement that "**registration is the most important activity of the trade union movement at this time.**" About 100 union leaders and COPE representatives from 21 states and 30 major cities attended the 2½ day meeting. The registration drive was authorized by the AFL-CIO Executive Council at its February meeting. Goal of the effort is to assure maximum participation by union members, their families and friends in the important Fall Congressional elections.

Roy Reuther, director of the registration campaign, pointed out that more than 75 percent of voting age persons, and an even higher percentage of union members, live in urban areas, the main targets of the drive. He urged creation of city-wide registration committees with subcommittees to reach into zones, wards and precincts.

THE SIZE OF THE JOB TO BE DONE

The following breakdown shows the size of the job that must be done if labor's register-and-vote campaign is to be successful. The figures show that while working people made up 37 percent of voting age population, they comprised **only 26 percent of those who voted in 1960.** "Voting Performance" indicates the difference between a group's percentage of voting age population and percentage of the actual total vote.

	% who voted Democratic	% voting age population	% of those who voted	Voting Performance
PROFESSIONAL, EXECUTIVE	40	18	26	+8
WHITE COLLAR	52	26	26	even
LABOR	63	37	26	-11
SKILLED	59	13	10	-3
UNSKILLED	66	24	16	-8
FARMER	40	9	11	+2
RETIRED	55	6	8	+2
OTHER	48	4	3	-1

\$10 MILLION FOR THE RIGHT WING

"A **cautious** estimate . . . would show that the business community contributed about \$10 million to the Radical Right last year."—Prof. Alan F. Westin, writing in April Harper's Magazine.

COPE DOLLARS HELP GOOD CANDIDATES IN UPHILL FIGHT

For a liberal candidate, campaign dollars **come hard**. The financial cards are stacked in favor of his conservative opponent who turns on a faucet and watches the money pour in. John M. Redding, treasurer of the Democratic National Congressional Committee, estimates a campaign in a big city congressional district will cost a liberal candidate from **\$25,000 to \$50,000**. It's \$15,000 to \$25,000 in a small city-rural district.

Few liberals can count on such solid financing. That's where COPE dollars come in. Voluntary COPE dollars aid good candidates, for COPE's primary purpose is to **help elect candidates friendly to the interests of working people**. COPE dollars help pay for campaign literature, TV and radio time, billboard and newspaper advertising and other campaign expenses.

This year, with an administration friendly to labor, it's **doubly important** to elect a liberal Congress which will enact progressive legislation. Have you contributed your COPE dollar?

HEALTH CARE DRIVE PICKS UP STEAM

More than 150,000 senior citizens and other Americans who support health care under social security will rally nationwide May 20 in a demonstration that could **shake loose** the King-Anderson bill from the House Ways and Means Committee. President Kennedy's address to the New York rally will be piped to meetings in 28 other cities and will be carried on network television to millions of American homes.

The rallies will be held against a background of facts showing the **complete inadequacy** of Kerr-Mills legislation passed in 1960. **Only 78,400 persons over 65 out of nearly 17 million** in the nation received payments under Kerr-Mills during the latest month for which figures are available.

MEDICAL COSTS SOAR

Meanwhile, the cost of medical care is **going up, up, up**. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the medical care index shot up three percent from March, 1961 to March, 1962 "mainly because of higher prices for all medical services." Said BLS: "Prices advanced **significantly** for prescriptions and drugs and for medical care services. Among the more important increases were higher prices for vitamins, hospitalization insurance and professional medical fees."

SLIGHT DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

The American Medical Association says the people reject health care under social security. Pollster Lou Harris, **who makes it his business to know**, says otherwise. He cites these percentages of support for health care in major states, according to his polls: New York 84; New Jersey, 77; Ohio, 76; Minnesota, 73; Texas, 68.

WELL, WE CAN'T BE RIGHT ALL THE TIME

"A free market provides a public offering of goods and services **competing freely** for public patronage."—George Koether, public relations department, U.S. Steel, quoted in Wall Street Journal, April 23, 1962.

"In a **competitive** economy such as ours . . . there is one basic rule which every company must follow: the business that doesn't remain **competitive** doesn't remain in business."—L. B. Worthington, President, U.S. Steel, U.S. Steel News, April, 1962.

"**U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Indicted as Price Fixers.**"—Headline, New York Times, April 27, 1962.

THAT'S TRUE, BUT WHY NOT SOME OF THE TIME?

"Profits in the American steel industry are **caught in a vise.**"—U.S. Steel News, April 1962.

"**U.S. Steel Shows Rise in Earnings.**"—Headline, New York Times, April 25, 1962.

LIFE ON THE HARDSHIP FRONT

Big business executives are tightening their belts. General Motors Chairman Frederick Donner took a pay slash of \$1,270 that knocked him all the way down to \$696,830 a year. Ford President John Dykstra suffered a \$20,000 cut down to \$405,000, and Board Chairman Henry Ford II lost \$15,000, tumbling to bare subsistence level of \$406,000. **Anyone interested in taking up a collection?**

BACK TO THE CANDY SHOP, BOB

Robert Welch, John Birch Society fuehrer, should stop trying to save the nation by killing democracy and return to mixing candy recipes. The Food and Drug Administration recently cracked down on his old candy firm for labelling violations.

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Dear Alan:

I am sure you have had a verbal report from Alice Leopold and Cap Weinberger regarding the COPE situation, but I did want you to know that your thinking had not gone unheeded in spite of the fact that your recommendation was not followed.

The general decision was that it would be unwise in the primary for Dick to seek the COPE endorsement or to address the convention. A decision on how to approach this group, if at all, in the general campaign will be carefully studied since it obviously has great strategic significance.

Thanks very much for your thoughts. Keep them coming.

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BOB HALDEMAN

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Before I TD, is questionnaire going to be answered?

Joanne

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Executive Committee meets
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Friday at 8 p.m.



March 15, 1962

TO CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION, AFL-CIO

The San Francisco labor movement's important pre-primary political meeting will take place at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, 1962 in Memorial Auditorium of the Labor Temple, 2940 - 16th Street.

This will be the endorsing convention of the San Francisco Committee on Political Education which has the responsibility for recommending and endorsing candidates in the June 5 primary election.

The convention will be preceded at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27 by meetings of the S.F.-COPE Executive Committee which will interview candidates seeking labor's endorsement, and whose recommendations will be acted on by the Convention.

Since you are a candidate for public office, it is our desire to invite you to attend the Executive Committee meeting on either Monday or Tuesday. Enclosed is a copy of questions of interest to working people which we respectfully request you fill in, sign and return by March 26.

If you will call the office of the Labor Council, UN 3-7011, we will be happy to make an appointment for your appearance before our Executive Committee. Preference will be given as calls are received.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Johns
George W. Johns, Secretary
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S.F. - COPE 1962 QUESTIONNAIRE

It is an objective of San Francisco COPE to determine our political decisions and activities on the basis of issues. This questionnaire is intended to demonstrate how candidates reveal themselves in facing the great questions of the day.

As our nation seeks to unite its many forces for the forthcoming phases of the economic war, the issues of the day become vital. In a shooting war, imposed controls on prices, profits, labor and manpower, by tri-partite determination, have been within our experience.

In the economic war we now face, our people will be tested in many aspects of voluntarism; mutual cooperation for the common good; recognition of the well-being and rights of all; maintenance of our free and democratic standards; and mutuality of necessary sacrifices.

Because, as never before, a joint, cooperative, coordinated effort will be required, this questionnaire attempts to analyze the individual candidate with Labor's viewpoint in mind and against the backdrop of national and local issues. Of necessity many issues could not be covered. We hope the following questions will give us basic answers:

- | | <u>Answer</u>
<u>Yes or No</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Do you oppose all forms of totalitarianism whether it be Birchers on the right or Communists on the left? | _____ |
| 2. Do you stand for support of the United Nations and its agencies and expansion of its resources, activities and authorities? | _____ |
| 3. (a) Would you liberalize foreign trade policies, including reduction of tariffs? | _____ |
| (b) Would you favor adjustment assistance to economically injured workers and industries and development of international fair labor standards? | _____ |
| 4. Do you favor joint planning by government, labor and management to assure that economic and social changes produced by automation and other economic forces take place and remedial steps are planned in a manner fair to working people? | _____ |
| 5. Will you support programs designed to attain a 5% economic growth rate annually as necessary for full employment by means of both government efforts and private industry's efforts? | _____ |
| 6. Do you favor repeal of the punitive Landrum-Griffin provisions and elimination of Taft-Hartley's evils by enacting a national labor relations law fair to Labor? | _____ |
| 7. Do you favor health care for the aged under Social Security and will you support the King-Anderson Bill? | _____ |
| 8. Would you liberalize Workmen's Compensation Laws on a modern concept of a Division with separate functions from the Industrial Accident Commission and which would supervise and assure the adequacy of medical care and rehabilitation and audit the promptness and accuracy of benefit payments? | _____ |
| 9. Would you liberalize and modernize unemployment insurance and disability insurance programs so that all workers may benefit equally as a matter of right; and include the cooperation of departments of government established with the primary function of assisting and servicing needs of workers? | _____ |

Answer
Yes or No

- 10. Do you oppose without equivocation "Right-to-Work" laws and the elimination of Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley law? _____
- 11. Do you favor meaningful and strengthened civil rights legislation including voting rights, school desegregation and the curbing of hate and violence? _____
- 12. Do you oppose "ex-parte" proceedings, determinations and injunctions and support due process of law? _____
- 13. Do you favor equitable redistribution of the burden of taxation by removing encroachments upon the progressive income tax principle; by restoring corporation excess profits taxes; by ending preferential overseas tax benefits; and by opposing sales taxes or other consumer levies? _____
- 14. Do you support long-range, comprehensive, and non-discriminatory housing programs to meet the needs of aged, minority, low income and migrant groups to be financed by both government and private capital? _____
- 15. Do you support maximum and integrated development of water, power, and other natural resources, maintaining integrity and full enforcement of federal public power and reclamation laws including anti-monopoly provisions? _____
- 16. Do you support the right of all labor to organize and bargain collectively, including public employees and agricultural workers, without unfair restrictions on allied activities such as picketing? _____
- 17. Do you oppose anti-labor injunctions and use of professional strikebreakers? _____
- 18. Do you favor a maximum utilization of the matching funds made available in the Kerr-Miles bill to create liberal state legislation to meet fully the medical needs of the indigent aged as supplemental to the King-Anderson bill? _____
- 19. Do you believe that the Fair Labor Standards Act should cover the 15 million workers remaining outside the scope of the law and should provide a seven hour day and a thirty-five hour week? _____
- 20. Do you favor a modern and moral recognition of the serious gaps and inequities of public assistance programs (contrary to the "Newburg" approach to social welfare)? _____
- 21. Do you favor proposed national legislation supported by the crafts involved which is designed to subsidize the Arts? _____

COMMENTS:

Signature

Date

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