WASHINGTON, D.C. — In searching for Richard Scammon's magic majority of the "unpoor, the unyoung, and the unblack," the Committee to Re-elect the President has largely ignored the poor and done shockingly little to attract black support. But in the contest for the votes of America's first-time voters in the 19-25 age group, the Committee to Re-elect the President (CRP) has made a real effort.

The conventional wisdom that Sen. George McGovern would attract the elephant's share of the youth vote was contradicted in September polls which showed President Nixon leading the South Dakota Senator among the nation's first-time voters.

If these percentages hold up during the campaign, part of the credit will go to the razzle-dazzle efforts of the director of the CRP Youth Division, 30-year-old Kenneth Rietz. Less credit will probably be awarded to a lesser-known, lesser-publicized, less-staffed and much lower-funded operation of the Republican National Committee.

While the CRP Youth Division has rallied the non-college youth to the Nixon banner, the RNC operation has quietly reasoned with — and wooed — college youths to the Nixon ticket.

Ken Rietz's campaign credits go back to 1966 when he was press secretary for Congressman William A. Steiger's (R-Wisc.) election bid. He quickly moved into the apparatus of college youths to the Nixon ticket. After President Nixon's 1968 election, Rietz joined James Morrison and Harry Treleaven in forming the Committee to Re-elect the President, the RNC operation has been labeled the "rah-rah" campaign emphasis than to the more intellectual enthusiasm of college youths.

The allegiances of these college youths have been cultivated by a pair of young RNC aides: Mark R. Harroff, 23, RNC director of issue development, and J. Brian Smith, 22, RNC chief writer for domestic affairs. While Rietz has organized, Harroff and Smith have talked to students on more than 200 campuses in about 20 states.

Their style — stressing the accomplishments of the Nixon Administration and admitting the charismatic deficiencies of the Presidential character — has not endeared them to Rietz who has protested to the White House about the wisdom of this approach. Smith and Harroff, however, say they have received strong backing from RNC Chairman Bob Dole. They have insisted on straightforward honesty in their debates with college students — and this style has resulted in favorable press comment and favorable student receptions. Smith says the students are impressed that the "Republican Party cares enough to go out there and answer their questions."

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**KENTUCKY**

LEXINGTON — Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn (R) has his hands firmly gripped on President Nixon's coattails in an effort to continue in Kentucky. Nunn's opponent for the seat of retiring Congressman Thomas M. Pelly (R), 70. Former State Sen. Joel Pritchard (R) is favored over John HempeUman, a former aide to Sen. Henry M. Jackson, but a tight race is expected. The AFL-CIO'sCOPE is providing money for a major TV campaign for HempeUman, while the normal GOP margin has been cut by redistricting. The progressive Pritchard has a well-organized campaign, but Senators Jackson, Edward M. Kennedy and Warren G. Magnuson are expected to stump heavily for HempeUman.

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**WASHINGTOM**

SEATTLE — In the local version of a currently popular political scenario, Gov. Daniel J. Evans is in deep "tax trouble" in stemming the gubernatorial challenge of former Gov. Albert D. Rosellini (1957-65).

Defeated by Evans for a third term in 1965, Rosellini is now trying to block Evans third term by emphasizing rising taxes and the 12 percent rate of unemployment. Evans is the underdog now, stressing his Administration's progressive accomplishments and advocating passage of six bond issues which he says would create 24,000 new jobs. However, Rosellini's own gubernatorial record as Taxellini may come back to haunt him.

Also in trouble is Republican Atty. Gen. Slade Gorton, who is being challenged by State Sen. Fred Dore. Gorton has fundraising problems and Dore is aided by a popular property tax rebate he sponsored.

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**VERMONT**

MONTPELIER — In the September 12 Vermont gubernatorial primary, Burlington businessman Luther "Fred" Hackett narrowly defeated Atty. Gen. James Jefords. In the beginning, Hackett had been tagged the "conservative" and Jefords the "liberal" but the labels had been considerably blurred by primary day.

Hackett, who advocated federalizing welfare and centralizing major land use decisions at the state level, is now strongly favored over the Democratic candidate, Attorney Thomas Salmon, an able and experienced campaigner who seems destined to lose.

State Rep. John McLaughry, a Jeffersonian Republican and frequent FORUM contributor, was unsuccessful in his bid to oust amiable Lieut. Gov. John S. Burgess. Throughout the campaign, McLaughry received favorable press coverage, particularly for his proposals for a major Property Tax Reform Plan. Burgess refused to define his positions on issues and at one point defended his record of official inactivity by pointing out that he couldn't find much of anything to do. Burgess launched a successful media blitz late in the campaign, however, and received 60 percent of the vote in defeating McLaughry and fellow candidate, John R. Grenier, the House Majority Leader.

In the five-man race for Attorney General, the lead switched between candidates favored by the Vermont Republican establishment, which is led by outgoing Gov. Deane C. Davis and National Committeeeman Roland Q. Seward, Washington County State Attorney Kimberley Cheney was the final victor.

The Vermont Democratic Party, badly split by the McGovern candidacy and a liberal state platform, is further handicapped by financial difficulties. An attractive Democratic slate is expected to go nowhere.

**ILLINOIS**

CHICAGO — Republican polls in October showed President Nixon leading in the Windy City. No Republican has carried Chicago since 1928 except Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Republican strategists don't expect Nixon's lead to hold up, but Sen. Charles Percy (R) is given a chance of carrying the city in his Senate race. Percy seems headed for a landslide victory over Congressman Roman C. Pucinski, perhaps one big enough to dwarf even the margins of Nixon's statewide victory.

Politicians are predicting an unprecedented amount of ticket-splitting in the state, however, and the prospects of Republican Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie are less clear. The progressive Republican governor is in a skin-tight race with "Walking" Daniel Walker (D). Ogilvie's income tax legislation alienated so many Republicans and Democrats this year that the Governor was at one point running behind Walker 2-1. However, the straw poll by the Chicago Sun-Times on October 19 showed Ogilvie leading by five percentage points. Since the poll has never been wrong, Republicans are duly encouraged.

Ogilvie has been boosted by a strong media campaign which depicts him as an action governor. His image as a "law and order" advocate, re-enforced by his previous tenure as Cook County sheriff, his support for capital punishment, and his backing for stop-and-frisk laws has aided his campaign among many white ethnic voters, particularly those of middle European extraction. A pamphlet called "The Guts Brochure" emphasizing the facts of Ogilvie's courage has been particularly effective.

Ogilvie's campaign is being run in close conjunction with the Nixon effort — a striking contrast to the independence of the Perry campaign organization. One explanation for the
disparate campaign efforts is the differing tendencies being wooed by Republican candidates.

Gov. Ogilvie, for instance, may win a respectable 35 percent of the vote in the Chicago area, while former Gov. Percy, Ogilvie, and Republican State's Attorney candidate Bernard Carey are coordinating their efforts in these areas. The Nixon efforts here, however, are minimal.

But in suburban areas, the Nixon and Ogilvie organizations are working together, while the nominally Democratic, Independent Voters of Illinois have organized campaign headquarters backing McGovern, Walker, Percy and Carey. Cook County State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan, running for re-election, still draws the loudest outcries of any major candidate for campaign receptions — despite his recent acquittal on charges of obstructing justice in the death of two Black Panthers in 1969. In an unpremeditated move Hanrahan, however, was found "unqualified" for the job by the Chicago Bar Association, which simultaneously found Carey qualified. Most observers expect Hanrahan to win the key contest — despite a massive Carey vote in black wards. If Hanrahan wins, he will be the obvious heir to the Daley empire. If Walker, Percy, or Ogilvie win, they may be heirs to bigger stakes. ■

Who's New on RNC?

There was a large turnover in the Republican National Committee this summer as the result of voluntary retirements and some contested elections. Profiles of some of the new Republican National Committee (NMC) and National Committeewomen (NCW) follow:

- Wisconsin's new NCW is Mrs. Elizabeth Pfeifer, a co-partner in a custom-design needlepoint business and a longtime campaign worker in Wisconsin politics. Mrs. Pfeifer defeated Mrs. Ann Peckham, the former first vice-chairwoman of the state GOP, in an election at the State GOP Convention in June.

- Colorado's new NCW is Bill Daniels who defeated the outgoing Republican State Chairman, Robert Flanigan, for the post. Flanigan, the brother of key White House aide Peter Flanigan, apparently lost the race because he was considered a "liberal" compared with the very conservative Daniels.

- In Alabama, both new RNC representatives overcame spring election contests for the posts. The new NMC, Montgomery Probate Judge Perry O. Hooper, defeated a four-man field to succeed outgoing NCM James D. Martin who contested Winton Blount for the GOP Senate nomination. Hooper is a former secretary of the same GOP and was one of the original backers of Blount's Senate candidacy. Mrs. Jean Sullivan, the new NCW, defeated two other women including the incumbent, Mrs. Bobbie Ames. Mrs. Sullivan was a state GOP vice-chairwoman and an unsuccessful legislative candidate in 1970.

- Minnesota's new NCW is Ianya LeVander, wife of former Gov. Harold LeVander (1967-1971). Mrs. LeVander's activities have centered primarily in arts and community organizations, but she was a chairwoman of a fundraising dinner for President Nixon's re-election campaign.

The order of publication of the magazine and newsletter will once again be reversed in November. The November 1 newsletter will be printed in time for the first semi-monthly Republican campaign coverage. The November FORUM magazine will be printed after the election in order to provide a speedy analysis of the November 7 election results. Remember to mail the Reader Survey forms from the October FORUM as soon as possible.

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Public confidence in the President, in the federal government, and in the Republican Party demands that President Nixon personally direct his staff to disclose their involvement in the secret campaign activities which have been widely reported in the press. Reports of involvement have reached such high levels in the White House staff that only the President himself can act to clarify the actions of his own aides. President Nixon should direct his staff — both in the Administration and at the Committee to Re-elect the President — to cooperate fully with all investigations by the General Accounting Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Congress. Such a directive is needed to maintain the credibility of the President’s commitment to an “open Presidency.”

If the President’s staff enjoys his complete confidence in this matter, the American public also deserves to feel a similar sense of confidence in its leaders. No such faith will be possible if presidential aides continue to “deny everything and admit nothing” while casting aspersions on journalists who have vigorously pursued this matter.

Secondly, the President should instruct the Committee to Re-elect the President to make full and immediate disclosure of all sources of campaign revenue, donated both before and after the April 7 effective date of the Federal Campaign Revenue Law. Here, too, the issue of presidential direction is at stake.

The use of unreported donations from a secret campaign fund at the Committee to Re-elect the President for improper political activities contributes to the urgent need for such disclosures. The Committee should clarify the actions of the President if not the letter of the campaign disclosure law. An incumbent President needs to set a better example for citizen respect for the nation’s law and order. The events of the last four months require an end to this lawlessness. As in 1952 when Mr. Nixon laid to permanent rest doubts about another alleged secret fund, he can only dispel the public’s lack of confidence by frank disclosures on both matters.

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