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MEMORANDUM TO: File

FROM: Dolores Pesce

DATE: June 6, 1980

RE: Mur 1208

On this date I sent a carbon copy of the No RTB letter directed to the Yatron for Congress Committee to Rep. Gus Yatron.

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June 5, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Yatron for Congress Committee  
Mrs. June Phelan, Treasurer  
1908 Hessian Road  
Reading, PA 19602

Re: MUR 1208

Dear Mrs. Phelan:

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The Commission, on June 4, 1980, determined that on the basis of information in the complaint and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe that a violation of any statute within its jurisdiction has been committed. Accordingly, the Commission has closed its files in this matter. This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles N. Steele".

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

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56-A Greentree  
Douglassville, PA 19518

Re: MUR 1208

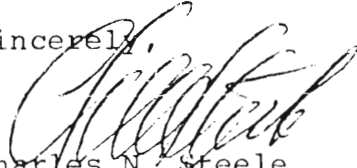
Dear Mr. Martin:

The Federal Election Commission has reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated April 10, 1980 and determined that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by the Respondent that there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), has been committed.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter.

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe establishes a violation of the Act, please contact Dolores Pesce, the staff member assigned to this matter at (202) 523-4039 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sincerely,

  
Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

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General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Yatron for Congress Committee

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MUR 1208

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 4, 1980, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions regarding MUR 1208:

1. Find NO REASON TO BELIEVE that Yatron for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) by failing to segregate committee funds from personal funds of any individual.
2. Find NO REASON TO BELIEVE that Yatron for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §439a, 11 C.F.R. §113.2 by using excess campaign funds for purposes other than those specified in these provisions.
3. Close the file.
4. Approve and send the letters, as attached to the First General Counsel's Report dated June 2, 1980, to the complainant and the respondent.

Voting for this determination were Commissioners Aikens, Friedersdorf, Harris, McGarry, Reiche, and Tiernan.

Attest:

Date

6/5/80

*Marjorie W. Emmons*

Marjorie W. Emmons  
Secretary to the Commission

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June 2, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO: Marjorie W. Emmons  
FROM: Jan Colgrove  
SUBJECT: MUR 1208

Please have the attached First General Counsel's  
Report on MUR 1208 distributed to the Commission on a  
48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL  
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION JUN 2 1980

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MUR # 1208  
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED  
BY OGC April 10, 1980

STAFF MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Dolores Pesce

COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Harry B. Martin

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Yatron for Congress Committee

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(b)(3), 439a, 11 C.F.R. § 113.2

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Yatron for Congress Committee Files

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

Harry B. Martin filed a complaint alleging that Representative Gus Yatron's campaign committee, Yatron for Congress, has violated certain FECA provisions. (Attachment 1) Specifically, the complaint contends that the respondent may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) by failing to segregate committee funds from personal funds of any individual.

A second issue raised by, but not specifically stated in, the complaint is whether the committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 439a, 11 C.F.R. § 113.2 by using excess campaign funds for purposes other than those specified in these provisions.

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Segregated Funds

In alleging a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3), the complaint implies that the Yatron for Congress Committee commingled Gus Yatron's personal funds with campaign funds. The complaint presents no facts to support this contention.

On April 25, 1980, the Commission received letters from both Gus Yatron and his principal campaign committee, Yatron for Congress, in response to our notification of complaint. (Attachments 2 and 3) The committee addresses the allegation, calling it "incorrect and inaccurate," and states further that any expenditures by the committee were made from excess campaign funds.

Based on the statements by the committee and lack of evidence to the contrary, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that Yatron for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) by failing to segregate committee funds from personal funds of any individual.

#### Use of Excess Campaign Funds

The complaint raises the issue of whether the Yatron Committee violated federal election law by funding the campaign of Yatron's son, George Yatron, for the office of county district attorney. Included with the complaint is a newspaper article dated April 4, 1980 in which there is reference to "secret funding."

The committee's response makes clear that excess campaign funds were used in contributing to George Yatron's campaign for district attorney. The committee then cites two Advisory Opinions to support its contention that such a use of funds is not a violation of the Act, in particular, 2 U.S.C. § 439a, 11 C.F.R. § 113.2. The statutory provision reads:

"Amounts received by a candidate as contributions that are in excess of any amount necessary to defray his expenditures, and any other amounts contributed to an individual for the purpose of supporting his or her activities as a holder of Federal office, may be used by such candidate or individual, as the case may be, to defray any ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with his or her duties as a holder of Federal office, may be contributed to any organization described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or may be used for any other lawful purpose, including transfers without limitation to any national, State, or local committee of any political party; except that, with respect to any individual who is not a Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress on the date of the enactment of the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1979, no such amounts may be converted by any person to any personal use, other than to defray any ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with his or her duties as a holder of Federal office."

AO 1976-5 confirmed that a principal campaign committee may contribute in any amount to non-Federal candidates and committees (state and local), so long as these disbursements are reported. AO 1979-82 addressed the specific instance of Representative Ronald Mottl's use of his campaign funds to contribute to his son's campaign for state office. The Commission held that such expenditures would be considered made "for any other lawful purpose," pursuant to § 439a, as long as the transfer of funds is lawful under Ohio law.

The factual situation in this MUR is identical to that in AO 1979-82 except that in AO 1979-82 the son was seeking office at the state level, whereas here, George Yatron is seeking office at the county level. AO 1976-5 clarified that unlimited contributions could be made by the principal committee to either state or local candidates. It would thus appear that Yatron for Congress Committee's use of excess campaign funds in contributing to George Yatron's campaign for district attorney was "for any other lawful purpose" pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 439a.

Therefore, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that Yatron for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 439a, 11 C.F.R. § 113.2 by using excess campaign funds for purposes other than those specified in these provisions.

#### Recommendations

1. Find no reason to believe that Yatron for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) by failing to segregate committee funds from personal funds of any individual.

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3. Close the file.

4. Approve and send the attached letters to the complainant and the respondent.

#### Attachments

1. Complaint
2. Response from Gus Yatron
3. Response from Yatron for Congress Committee
4. Letters to complainant and respondent.

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Douglassville, Pa. 19518

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April 10, 1980

To whom it may concern:

In regards to the enclosed Material, The specific violation is that of U.S.Code 2 - 432 (b) which reads.

(b) Account of Contributions; segregated funds. Every person who recieves a contribution in excess of \$50 for a political committee shall , on demand of the treasurer, and in any event within 5 days after receipt of such contribution, render to the treasurer a detailed account thereof, including the amount of the contribution and the identification of the person making such contribution, and the date on which recieved. All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, any personal funds of officers, members, or associates of such committee.

While any candidate in my opinion, or for that matter incumbent, has the right to disburse his own personal funds , in any manner he sees fit, and to whom he sees fit. The disbursement of contributed funds in the treasury of a political committee ,for any reason other than those clearly set forth in U.S.Code 2 are illegal expenditures. By the committee.

If, as Mr. Yatron contends . He has, the right to contribute to his son's campaign, and such contribution was made by his principle political committee, either as transfer or direct payment. The transfer or direct payment to the political committee or payee of an outstanding debt can only be construed as commingling of funds.

While Mr. Gus Yatron's son George was alegitimite and successful candidate for Berks County District Attorney in the eyes of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections. Mr. George Yatron does not and could not meet the definition of candidate under U.S.Code 2 because he was not running for a Federal position. Only those individuals who meet the requirements of the Federal Election Commission and U.S.Code 2 are a legitimate candidate to whom transfer of funds may take place.

It is my express desire that Mr. Gus Yatron's campaigns of the past and the funding of them be investigated. Mr. Yatron is guilty of a Federal violation. I demand that he be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Sincerely

*Harry B. Martin*

Harry B. Martin

candidate for republican nomination as  
candidate to congress

JAMES F. EMMAN, Notary Public  
Bridgeton, Berks County, Pa.  
My Commission Expires Mar. 9, 1981

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ATTACHMENT 1

Harry Martin  
56-A Greentree  
Douglassville, Pa.  
phone 385-7321  
area code 215

April 5, 1980

To the Commissioner  
or to whom it may concern;

This communication is in regards to activities of the incumbent Representative of the 6th Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States Mr. Gus Yatron, his designated committee, and Mr. George Yatron, his son. Who is currently the District Attorney of Berks County.

An article appeared in the Reading times written by Steve Drachler stating that various campaign expenses of Mr. George Yatron were paid by the political committee of Mr. Gus Yatron, and mentioned specific amounts. This article is not enclosed, simply because it became the victim of use and consequently the disposal unit.

The article that is enclosed is a follow up written by Dennis Deysher and the context is apparent.

Basically what has occurred is that Mr. Gus Yatron through his committee has paid campaign expenses incurred by his son George in his campaign to gain the District Attorneys position. Under the campaign laws, the senior Yatron could make donations from his personal funds. So long as they were reported by his son, as they were there would be no problem.

But since Gus Yatron's committee has paid these expenses and itemized them as expenditures of Gus Yatron. This becomes a violation of Federal Election Laws. A committee cannot commingle contributions with personal funds. Also the younger Yatron does not meet the requirements of Federal Laws as a Candidate, simply because he was not involved in election to a Federal office.

I personally have not examined either of the two named individuals campaign expense reports. However, the writer of the articles must have, to make such bold statements. However, I have a personal interest in the elder Yatron's affairs regarding this issue. I am seeking nomination of the Republican Party to contest Mr. Gus Yatron in the April 22, 1980 Pennsylvania Primary Election.

My basic concern is to have Mr. Gus Yatron obey the law the same as anyone else has to. Secondly, If Yatron is able to fund campaigns of his son. How do we as taxpayers know that he is not using funds allocated to him for expenses for other purposes incurred in performance of his office, and which he may be misappropriating?

Just simply having Mr. Yatron's son make reimbursement to his father is not enough. How do we as taxpayers know that Mr. Yatron has not funded the campaigns of other candidates of his choice?

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It is my opinion, that as a taxpayer. I have the right to demand a full investigation of Mr. Atron's activities. You must remember, that individuals such as myself, and other candidates deprive ourselves of many of the normal enjoyments of life. And face many rigorous hardships imposed upon us, in our attempt to first meet the requirements of our State Election Boards, as well as weather and irate citizens who have lost their belief in government. Simply because actions taken by their elected officials have created distaste to government.

Speaking for any and all candidates. We are the backbone of our government. We are the ones who know how much we are about to sacrifice before we seek public office. Yet our belief is so strong in our government that we feel we are compelled to seek office knowing well in advance we may never succeed.

I hope the Federal Election Commission shares the same opinion as I in regards to government. I am sure you do or you would not be where you are.

So long as the matter is resolved after investigation I will be satisfied. Under current laws and amendments, I was not compelled to file a report, But I did anyhow because I want the public to know what my position is and the fact that I ask for no contribution nor have I accepted any. I feel every candidate should finance his own primary campaign and that no government funds be allocated to any candidate regardless of any position any candidate seeks.

Thank you so much for reading this letter and I hope the commission will look into this matter.

JAMES F. ELLMAN, Notary Public  
Berks County, Pa.  
Notary Public, J. 1951

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James F. Ellman

Sincerely

Harry B. Martin

Harry B. Martin  
candidate for republican nomination  
6th congressional district of Pa.

## Reporter at large



# Yatron fund angers Keller

by Dennis Deysher

Scot Keller just sort of sat there, eyes staring down at the table as he tapped a pencil on the wood.

It was early Thursday morning and already every floor of Berks County Courthouse was buzzing with talk about Times reporter Steve Drachler's story on U.S. Rep. Gus Yatron secretly helping to fund last year's successful campaign of his son, George, for county district attorney.

To put it frankly and truthfully, the name of Yatron in the courthouse Thursday morning was mud.

Did you ever think that would happen among the folks of Berks?

Actually, the secret campaign funding disclosure denied as being improper by both Gus and George, only added to the courthouse talk about George.

More and more recently, courthouse workers, insiders and observers have been saying that George just doesn't have the stuff that makes a \$44,000-per-year district attorney click.

Which brings us back to Keller, beaten by George in last November's general election by about 5,000 votes.

Needless to say, Keller wasn't a happy man Thursday morning.

"I'm angry . . . I'm just angry," he said.

Keller said that during the campaign, he had heard rumors of secret funding but it was nothing that could be documented then.

At one stop along the campaign trail, George was asked about receiving money from his father's campaign bank.

"George denied that any money from Gus Yatron's campaign coffers went to him," Keller remembered.

At another point during the campaign, Keller filed a complaint with the Berks County Board of Election, alleging that congressional stationery and employees of Gus were being used to help George.

That complaint was eventually determined to be unfounded.

But, in light of the secret fund disclosure, the whole matter still rattles Keller.

Keller recalled a statement by Gus after the complaint was filed, denying anything improper.

"I know the election laws," Keller quoted the congressman, "and I wouldn't do anything improper."

Commenting — and admitting the secret funding — Gus said, "My son's opponent made me the issue in the campaign. I didn't want to get involved, but people thought it would reflect badly on me if my son lost."

To which Keller bluntly responded:

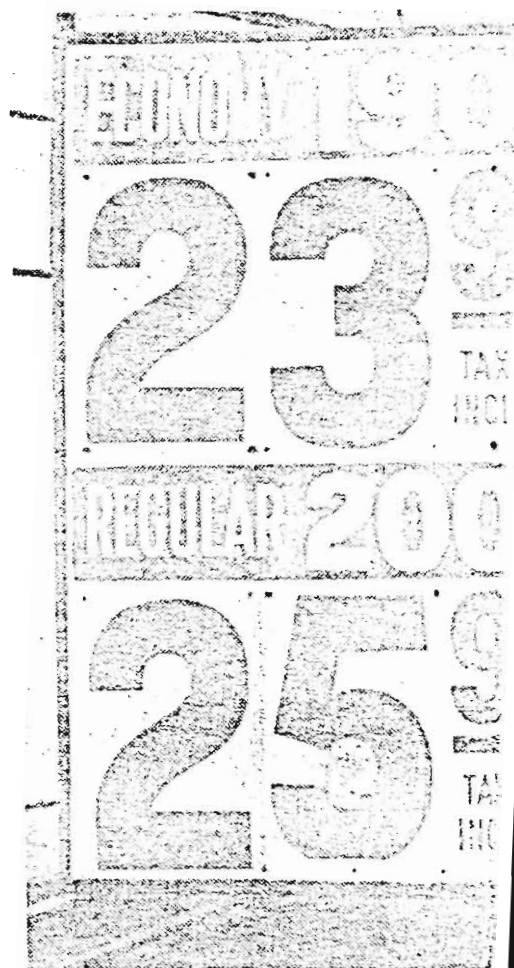
"The only way Gus was an issue was because his relationship to George was the only thing George had going for him."

Keller called for an investigation into the secret funding.

"I think very definitely that is something that the federal government, maybe even the state attorney general, should look into," he said.

"All the money that my father contributed to my campaign, which was about \$1,000, was his money," Keller said.

"It wasn't somebody else's."



'NO, IT'S NOT 23.9 cents a gallon for gasoline. Nor is it \$1.23, as you might expect, or \$23.90, as you might fear.

## Berks a

By J. EARL RUTHARDT  
Staff Writer

Plans to construct a plant in Berks County to convert agricultural and food-processing wastes into energy are being pushed by Pennsylvania State University and state Rep. Thomas R. Callagrine, D-Reading.

It was Callagrine's idea, and the demonstration plant would be at a mushroom farm to experiment with converting wastes into alcohol.

Hedon and Callagrine want to select a municipality, containing a mushroom farm, to sponsor an application to the federal Department of Energy for \$50,000 to construct a small digester and distillery on the farm.

The proposal was firmed up earlier this week when he met at Berks campus with several university deans in

SUS YATRON  
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Charles N. Steele, Esq.  
General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20463

RE: MUR 1208

Dear Mr. Steele:

I am writing with reference to a complaint filed with the Commission on April 14, 1980, by one Harry B. Martin alleging that the Yatron for Congress Committee may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

You will recall my letter of April 10, 1980, in which I advised the Commission of press inquiries into the issue and whereby I sought an advisory opinion on the matter from the Commission.

This letter is to supplement the response of my Committee's Treasurer, Mrs. June Phelan, to Mr. Martin's complaint. I hope hereby to add certain background information to the factual response contained in Mrs. Phelan's statement.

Mr. Martin's complaint appears in great part to be based on a column appearing in the Reading Times of Friday, April 4, 1980, by Dennis Deysher. For the Commission's information, I want to note that Mr. Deysher's mother, Mrs. Florence Deysher, was from December 1, 1969, to July 16, 1970, a member of my Congressional staff of my District Office. Mrs. Deysher was dismissed from my staff in July, 1970, by reason of her failure to demonstrate any competency in Congressional staff work and also on the basis that she was engaging in extended lunch hours often consisting of stops at local cocktail lounges. It was my opinion that such activity adversely reflected on my office and I therefore discharged Mrs. Deysher. Dennis Deysher's April 4 column is not the first in which my record and service as a Member of Congress were criticized by him; rather, such negative commentary has appeared from time to time.

ATTACHMENT 2

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GUS YATRON  
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BERKS, SCHUYLKILL, NORTHUMBERLAND  
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Charles N. Steele, Esq.  
April 21, 1980

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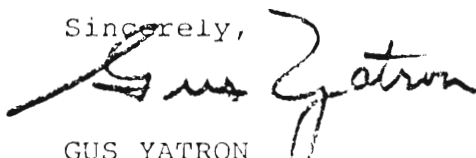
Although it has been ten years since her departure, the attacks continue. I am of the opinion that Mr. Deysher's position is not an objective one, that his criticism is personally motivated, and that its genesis is an attempt to retaliate against me for my discharging his mother from my staff.

I wish, in order to demonstrate to the Commission that Mr. Deysher's criticism is not an example of a general media attitude towards me or towards the issue involved in this complaint, to forward attached hereto a copy of a column by Mr. Emmanuel "Bud" Blumberg, Publisher-Editor of the Berks County Record, which appeared in that publication in its Thursday, April 24, 1980, edition.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
GUS YATRON  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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# Berks Eye-View

**Bud  
Blumberg**



The RECORD will never "O.D." on the support (or should I say -- lack of support) it has received from certain local business and public service institutions . . . We have nevertheless survived almost a quarter of a century without it!

We have been called everything from a "yellow scandal sheet" -- to a "meaningless rag devoid of direction or purpose."

We've decided not to raise editorial voice to disclaim these name-calls in favor of spending our energies on what we set out to do and have done.

One of the things we've done over the years -- is to SQUELCH rumors believe it or not.

At RECORD press time there's one that needs squelching.

From all indications, and despite its listing on the local real estate sheet, the Abraham Lincoln Motor Inn has NOT been sold!

A move was made, and in fact a deposit given to owner Bill Arner, to establish grounds for a sale -- but nothing came of it to date.

The party, or parties, who bought and paid for the option to obtain funds for the possible pur-

DOWN . . . to a chosen few!

I've come too far and gave up much to prostitute my ideals by suppressing news so obviously important as the arrival of the president's mother in Pretzeltown!

Its publication was not an act of party disloyalty, but of loyalty to my conscience as a professional newspaperman.

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TIT FOR TAT -- Kennedy-for-prexy had more than their share of exposure on the local turf Saturdayeve.

Mrs. Ethel (Robert) Kennedy tip-toed through the Allied Demo Dinner at the Temple Fire Company, the Allied Demos conclave at the Full Moon Cafe -- and one or two private mini-teas.

She poo-poo'd one-on-one interviews with the press not because she had little or nothing to say. Aides indicated that she is obsessed with the fear of saying the wrong thing and hurting her favorite candidate's chances instead of helping them.

She posed graciously for pix and chatted openly -- but absolutely refused to go into a back room of the Full Moon Cafe for a more personal contact with this reporter and his faithful election campaign circuit companion Nancy Hoeffer, who pens the RECORD's women of today column.

Nancy broke the ice with the late U.S. Attorney General's wife when she mentioned that fact that they rubbed stem and stern of their respective sailing vessels in a New England inlet sometime ago . . . She trusted Nancy to pin a corsage on her after that. The floral tribute was a gift from Mrs. Louis Ballas.

Aside from flubbing the punch line of her only intended funny -- she had nothing to add to standard Kennedy campaign rhetoric.

ers do not appear in our 'top ten' list of required about," said Frank W. Dressler, BPPA president. "This is a break in a trend which has been building for months, and it confirms declining sales."

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Before America came along to lift the east countries from the bottom of poverty, they thought those holes in the ground for black liquid were places to dump camel dung dye summer whites to black burial shrouds.

W. C. Fields wuz right . . . "A friend! . . . a friend indeed!"

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Anyone with common sense should realize this time that the heat put on U.S. Congress Gus Yatron and his son, Berks County D.A. Yatron smells to high heaven like overly political poop -- and nothing more!

I rarely have to look at my calendar to election campaign time is on hand. Those weaker end of the political spectrum will in make their loud, desperate moves during period.

All the propaganda muscle they can put in play at this strategic time, figuring it be wasted shouted too early and too late the political contest is held on the prem voters (who are after all simple folk like me) would forget too easily.

Congressman Yatron admitted that he his son but should have reported it in detail a father in the world will find fault with the

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A statewide meeting of the American Association will be held in Allentown this Dr. David Lawrence, state executive of I

writing.

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It is a political fact of life that MORE campaign dinner fund-raiser tickets are sold than the seller expects to be used.

It is a rare situation when all those who support these functions take the time to actually attend them.

The Lillian Carter (Spring Fling) -- sponsored by our local Demo party turned out to be one of the exceptions recently.

With little or no publicity, until we broke with the news story, the affair fell victim to an "oversell" within a small circle of Demo faithfuls and those who knew somebody who knew somebody!

Honoring each and every dinner ticket sold presented a problem at the Goodwill Fire Co. hall which afforded limited facilities.

As far as the cost factor was concerned -- committee members figured the best they could do when the final tally was in, was to break even.

Keeping news of Mrs. Carter's scheduled appearance was an admitted ploy to KEEP THE SALES

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For many, however, it was great fun rubbing elbows with these great Demo ladies -- who will probably forget they ever visited Berks County and expect us to self-destruct come April 23!

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MARY LOU ROYER'S modelling guys and gals graced the CLUB MYSTIQUE Saturday for a Spring Graduation of the MODELS' INSTITUTE.

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FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU: "In March, for the first time in recent memory, the category of franchised automobile deal-



(See Page 2) CHUST A LITTLE FUN -- Taking the nesting story one step further. Fake bird made the scene even crazier. Anna -- bird-watching Sunday.

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Latest developments towards treatment cure, etc. Public invited.

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### GOOD NEWS – FOR A CHANGE!

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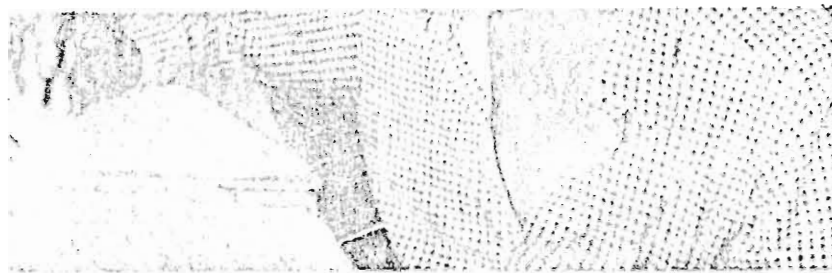
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Mrs. June Phelan, Treasurer  
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Reading, PA 19602

Re: MUR 1208

Dear Mrs. Phelan:

On April 16, 1980, the Commission notified you of a complaint alleging that your committee may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The Commission, on May , 1980, determined that on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe that a violation of any statute within its jurisdiction has been committed. Accordingly, the Commission has closed its files in this matter. This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

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56-A Greentree  
Douglassville, PA 19518

Re: MUR 1208

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The Federal Election Commission has reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated April 10, 1980 and determined that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by the Respondent that there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), has been committed.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter.

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe establishes a violation of the Act, please contact Dolores Pesce, the staff member assigned to this matter at (202) 523-4039 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
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Charles N. Steele, Esq.  
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RE: MUR 1208

Dear Mr. Steele:

I am writing with reference to a complaint filed with the Commission on April 14, 1980, by one Harry B. Martin alleging that the Yatron for Congress Committee may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

You will recall my letter of April 10, 1980, in which I advised the Commission of press inquiries into the issue and whereby I sought an advisory opinion on the matter from the Commission.

This letter is to supplement the response of my Committee's Treasurer, Mrs. June Phelan, to Mr. Martin's complaint. I hope hereby to add certain background information to the factual response contained in Mrs. Phelan's statement.

Mr. Martin's complaint appears in great part to be based on a column appearing in the Reading Times of Friday, April 4, 1980, by Dennis Deysher. For the Commission's information, I want to note that Mr. Deysher's mother, Mrs. Florence Deysher, was from December 1, 1969, to July 16, 1970, a member of my Congressional staff of my District Office. Mrs. Deysher was dismissed from my staff in July, 1970, by reason of her failure to demonstrate any competency in Congressional staff work and also on the basis that she was engaging in extended lunch hours often consisting of stops at local cocktail lounges. It was my opinion that such activity adversely reflected on my office and I therefore discharged Mrs. Deysher. Dennis Deysher's April 4 column is not the first in which my record and service as a Member of Congress were criticized by him; rather, such negative commentary has appeared from time to time.

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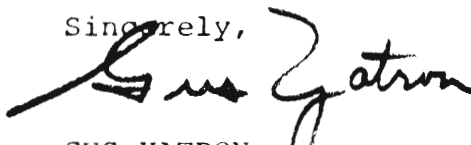
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I wish, in order to demonstrate to the Commission that Mr. Deysher's criticism is not an example of a general media attitude towards me or towards the issue involved in this complaint, to forward attached hereto a copy of a column by Mr. Emmanuel "Bud" Blumberg, Publisher-Editor of the Berks County Record, which appeared in that publication in its Thursday, April 24, 1980, edition.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
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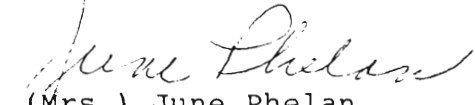
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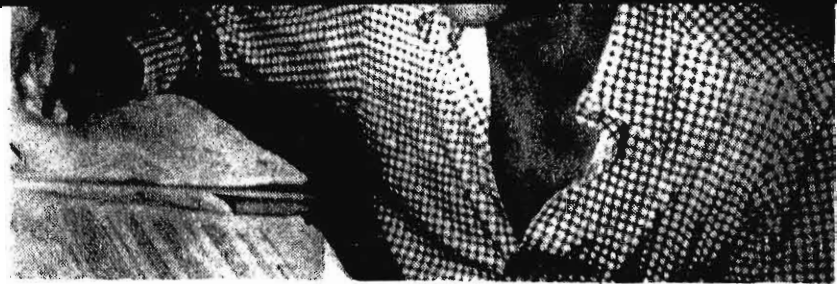
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Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint of April 10, 1980, which alleges violations of the Federal Election Campaign laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations. The respondent will be notified of this complaint within 5 days and a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission as to how this matter should be initially handled will be made 15 days after the respondent's notification. You will be notified as soon as the Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you have or receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to this office. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
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Mrs. June E. Phelan, Treasurer  
1908 Hessian Road  
Reading, Pennsylvania 19602

Re: MUR 1208

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Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against your Committee in connection with this matter. Your response must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by sending a letter of representation stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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To whom it may concern;

In regards to the enclosed Material, The specific violation is that of U.S.Code 2 - 432 (b) which reads.

(b) Account of Contributions; segregated funds. Every person who receives a contribution in excess of \$50 for a political committee shall, on demand of the treasurer, and in any event within 5 days after receipt of such contribution, render to the treasurer a detailed account thereof, including the amount of the contribution and the identification of the person making such contribution, and the date on which received. All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, any personal funds of officers, members, or associates of such committee.

While any candidate in my opinion, or for that matter incumbent, has the right to disburse his own personal funds, in any manner he sees fit, and to whom he sees fit. The disbursement of contributed funds in the treasury of a political committee, for any reason other than those clearly set forth in U.S.Code 2 are illegal expenditures. By the committee.

If, as Mr. Yatron contends. He has, the right to contribute to his son's campaign, and such contribution was made by his principle political committee, either as transfer or direct payment. The transfer or direct payment to the political committee or payee of an outstanding debt can only be construed as commingling of funds.

While Mr. Gus Yatron's son George was a legitimate and successful candidate for Berks County District Attorney in the eyes of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections. Mr. George Yatron does not and could not meet the definition of candidate under U.S.Code 2 because he was not running for a Federal position. Only those individuals who meet the requirements of the Federal Election Commission and U.S.Code 2 are a legitimate candidate to whom transfer of funds may take place.

It is my express desire that Mr. Gus Yatron's campaigns of the past and the funding of them be investigated. Mr. Yatron is guilty of a Federal violation. I demand that he be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Sincerely

*Harry B. Martin*

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To the Commissioner  
or to whom it may concern;

This communication is in regards to activities of the incumbent Representative of the 6th Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States Mr. Gus Yatron, his designated committee, and Mr. George Yatron, his son. Who is currently the District Attorney of Berks County.

An article appeared in the Reading times written by Steve Drachler stating that various campaign expenses of Mr. George Yatron were paid by the political committee of Mr. Gus Yatron, and mentioned specific amounts. This article is not enclosed, simply because it became the victim of use and consequently the disposal unit.

The article that is enclosed is a follow up written by Dennis Deysher and the context is apparent.

Basically what has occurred is that Mr. Gus Yatron through his committee has paid campaign expenses incurred by his son George in his campaign to gain the District Attorneys position. Under the campaign laws, the senior Yatron could make donations from his personal funds. So long as they were reported by his son, as they were there would be no problem.

But since Gus Yatron's committee has paid these expenses and itemized them as expenditures of Gus Yatron. This becomes a violation of Federal Election Laws. A committee cannot commingle contributions with personal funds. Also the younger Yatron does not meet the requirements of Federal Laws as a Candidate, simply because he was not involved in election to a Federal office.

I personally have not examined either of the two named individuals campaign expense reports. However, the writer of the articles must have, to make such bold statements. However, I have a personal interest in the elder Yatron's affairs regarding this issue. I am seeking nomination of the Republican Party to contest Mr. Gus Yatron in the April 22, 1980 Pennsylvania Primary Election.

My basic concern is to have Mr. Gus Yatron obey the law the same as anyone else has to. Secondly, If Yatron is able to fund campaigns of his son. How do we as taxpayers know that he is not using funds allocated to him for expenses for other purposes incurred in performance of His office, and which he may be misappropriating?

Just simply having Mr. Yatron's son make reimbursement to his father is not enough. How do we as taxpayers know that Mr. Yatron has not funded the campaigns of other candidates of his choosing?

It is my opinion, that as a taxpayer. I have the right to demand a full investigation of Mr. Yatron's activities. You must remember, that individuals such as myself, and other candidates deprive ourselves of many of the normal enjoyments of life. And face many rigorous hardships imposed upon us, in our attempt to first meet the requirements of our State Election Boards, as well as weather and irate citizens who have lost their belief in government. Simply because actions taken by their elected officials have created distaste to government.

Speaking for any and all candidates. We are the backbone of our government. We are the ones who know how much we are about to sacrifice before we seek public office. Yet our belief is so strong in our government that we feel we are compelled to seek office knowing well in advance we may never succeed.

I hope the Federal Election Commission shares the same opinion as I in regards to government. I am sure you do or you would not be where you are.

So long as the matter is resolved after investigation I will be satisfied. Under current laws and amendments, I was not compelled to file a report, But I did anyhow because I want the public to know what my position is and the fact that I ask for no contribution nor have I accepted any. I feel every candidate should finance his own primary campaign and that no government funds be allocated to any candidate regardless of any position any candidate seeks.

Thank you so much for reading this letter and I hope the commission will look into this matter.

Sincerely

*Harry B. Martin*

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candidate for republican nomination  
6th congressional district of Pa.

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## Reporter at large



# Yatron fund angers Keller

by Dennis Deysher

Scott Keller just sort of sat there, eyes staring down at the table as he tapped a pencil on the wood.

It was early Thursday morning and already every floor of Berks County Courthouse was buzzing with talk about Times reporter Steve Draehler's story of U. S. Rep. Gus Yatron secretly helping to fund last year's successful campaign of his son, George, for county district attorney.

To put it frankly and truthfully, the name of Yatron in the courthouse Thursday morning was mud.

Did you ever think that would happen among the folks of Berks?

Actually, the secret campaign funding disclosure denied as being improper by both Gus and George, only added to the courthouse talk about George.

More and more recently, courthouse workers, insiders and observers have been saying that George just doesn't have the stuff that makes a \$44,000-per-year district attorney click.

Which brings us back to Keller, beaten by George in last November's general election by about 5,000 votes.

Needless to say, Keller wasn't a happy man Thursday morning.

"I'm angry . . . I'm just angry," he said.

Keller said that during the campaign, he had heard rumors of secret funding but it was nothing that could be documented then.

At one stop along the campaign trail, George was asked about receiving money from his father's campaign bank.

"George denied that any money from Gus Yatron's campaign coffers went to him," Keller remembered.

At another point during the campaign, Keller filed a complaint with the Berks County Board of Election, alleging that congressional stationery and employees of Gus were being used to help George.

That complaint was eventually determined to be unfounded.

But, in light of the secret fund disclosure, the whole matter still rattles Keller.

Keller recalled a statement by Gus after the complaint was filed, denying anything improper.

"I know the election laws," Keller quoted the congressman, "and I wouldn't do anything improper."

Commenting — and admitting the secret funding — Gus said, "My son's opponent made me the issue in the campaign. I didn't want to get involved, but people thought it would reflect badly on me if my son lost."

To which Keller bluntly responded:

"The only way Gus was an issue was because his relationship to George was the only thing George had going for him."

Keller called for an investigation into the secret funding.

"I think very definitely that is something that the federal government, maybe even the state attorney general, should look into," he said.

"All the money that my father contributed to my campaign, which was about \$1,000, was his money," Keller said.

"It wasn't somebody else's."

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By J. EARL RUTHARDT  
Staff Writer

Plans to construct a plant in Berks County to convert agricultural and food-processing wastes into energy are being pushed by Pennsylvania State University and state Rep. Thomas R. Caltagirone, D-Reading.

It was Caltagirone's idea and the demonstration plant would be a mushroom farm to experiment with converting wastes into alcohol.

He and another state legislator want to select a municipality, containing a mushroom farm, to sponsor an application to the federal Department of Energy for \$50,000 to construct a small distiller and distillery on the farm.

The proposal was formed up earlier this week when he met at Berks campus with several university faculty and

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