

# Esch's Re-Election Bill: \$68,000

Republican Marvin Esch's forces spent more than \$68,000 to re-elect him to Congress from the 2nd District in the Nov. 5 election.

Democrat Weston Vivian, a former congressman, had a little more than \$35,000 support in his second unsuccessful bid.

These figures emerged from more than a score of expense statements filed with the Washtenaw County clerk's office. Washtenaw is the political and temporary center of the 2nd Congressional District, which spreads into Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County.

THE 2ND DISTRICT campaign was probably one of the tightest in the state, if not the nation, because it's a "marginal" district that can swing either way. Vivian won by one per cent in 1964, and Esch beat him by only two per cent in 1966.

Democrats thought they had a better chance to recover that seat than any other in Michigan in 1968, and both parties spent money accordingly.

Salary for a congressman is \$30,000 a year. Thus, Esch's backers spent about 2.3 years of salary and Vivian's 1.2 years.

ON HIS PERSONAL report, Esch listed no expenditures or receipts. His campaign effort came through 14 committees, each of which spent close to the \$5,000 legal maximum.

For the most part, the committee are paper ones. Contributions are generally spread across different reports so that one group's contribution will appear in several different smaller hunks.

Some \$45,000 of Esch's funds came from party coffers: Lenawee County Republican Committee, \$2,500; National Republican Congressional Committee, \$5,250; Southeast-

ern Michigan United Republican Fund, \$4,687; Republican Legislative Fund, \$10,475; Washtenaw County Republican Committee, \$13,564.

CONTRIBUTING more than \$100 to Esch committees were:

W.R. Doak, Fowlerville, \$200; Washtenaw Medical Political Action Committee, \$2,500; Committee For Action -- Midwest (medical), \$500; Tatum-Tate, \$150; B.L.P.A.C. (no explanation of these initials), New York, \$2,500; Robert L. Johnson, Ann Arbor, \$125; Charles A. Carver, Ann Arbor, \$125.

Richard J. Matthews, Grosse Pointe, \$300; Max Fisher (head of New Detroit, Inc.), \$500; Monroe Professional Support Committee, \$2,500; C.S. Mott, \$250; C.S. Harding Mott \$250; National Committee for an Effective Congress, \$1,000.

Adrian Professional Support Committee, \$1,000; John Fernstrom, Detroit, \$200; Henry Ford II, Dearborn, \$200; Wayne 2nd District Republican Headquarters, Plymouth, \$1,000; Union Oil Employees Bi-Partisan Political Fund, Los Angeles, \$400.

Lenawee County Professional Support Committee, \$3,400; Stacey B. Martin, Milan, \$250; H.L. Hunt, Dallas oil millionaire, \$200.

VIVIAN'S PERSONAL expenses report showed expenses and contributions of \$1,809, all from the "West Vivian for Congress" Committee.

Vivian's support came from four committees, with "West

Vivian for Congress" committee spending some \$29,000 plus and the others, more modest amounts.

"Scientists and Engineers for Vivian" listed balanced expenses and receipts of \$638. The South Monroe Committee for Vivian listed expenses of \$500 and a single contribution for the same amount -- from Mrs. Elizabeth Barlow of Ann Arbor.

"Citizens for Vivian" spent \$7,208 and took in \$7,210, with \$5,000 coming from "Solidarity House," the name of the headquarters of the United Auto Workers union.

Party contributions to Vivian were less than a third of Vivian's resources whereas they constituted two-thirds of Esch's. The party gave Vivian \$8,970.

ORGANIZED LABOR did better, contributing nearly \$15,000 to the Vivian effort. Major contributors included:

UAW Committee on Political Education, \$2,500; Wayne County COPE Fund, \$250; Michigan State AFL-CIO, \$250; Machinists Non-Partisan Political League, \$250; Committee for Good Government (apparently UAW), \$2,500.

Painters' Detroit District Council, \$200; Communications Workers, \$500; Michigan Congressional Campaign Commi-

tee, Taylor (no other details, but apparently a union effort), \$553; Sheet Metal Workers International Assn., \$250; Citizenship Committee of Local 767 (no name used other than this), \$172; United Steelworkers, \$500.

INDIVIDUAL contributors over the \$100 mark were: Eugene B. Power, Ann Ar-

bor, \$400; William L. Barnard, New York, \$300; Neil Staebler, former national committeeman, \$500; D.E. McGraw, Detroit, \$125; E. Barlow, Ann Arbor, \$200; Angelo Marino, Monroe, \$200; Betty Kitchell, Ann Arbor, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buttenwieser, Philadelphia, \$400; Kaeve Siegal, Ann Arbor, \$500; Mr. and Mrs. C. Gelman, \$200; Maxwell Getten, New York, \$500.

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