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June 27, 1984

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

In response to a number of recent anti-Israel statements by public personalities, NatPAC intends to run another of our series of newspaper ads.

Your public support of this next ad would add credibility to the NatPAC message. If you are willing to affix your name to this ad, please call the NatPAC office in New York - (212-752-2940) on or before Tuesday, July 3. In order to insure a timely NatPAC response we need to hear from you as quickly as possible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard Altman
Executive Director

Ira N. Forman
New York Director

P.S. Only names will be listed in the ad, not organizational affiliations.

NAT Pac
new file

August 4, 1983

Mr. Ira N. Forman, Director
New York Operations
NatPac
40 West 57th St. 18~~th~~ Floor
New York, NY 10019

Dear Ira:

I'm glad we had an opportunity to meet and to chat.

Enclosed is the Primary List with some suggested names.
Please feel free to use my name in contacting these people.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

THE NATIONAL
NATPAC POLITICAL
ACTION
COMMITTEE

July 28, 1983

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

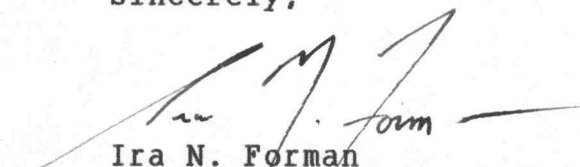
Just a note to let you know how much I appreciated your time yesterday. Your help is invaluable to NatPAC and its doubly appreciated as I'm aware of all the pressure both on your time and your other resources. It's heartening to know your backing us in our task of politicizing the American Jewish community.

Per our conversation I've enclosed a list of 10 priority cities for us. Any leadership leads (with notes indicating with which individual we can use your name) would be appreciated. I've also attached a list of secondary cities - if you have the time.

I've also enclosed an article from The New York Times which I thought you might find interesting.

If I can be of any assistance to you or others in the area of "political intelligence" please don't hesitate to call. Furthermore, as I indicated to you in our meeting any advice or suggestions you might have for us regarding The NatPAC agenda/approach would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,


Ira N. Forman
Director of New York Operations

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PAC Gifts to Candidates Rose 45% in Latest Cycle

By ADAM CLYMER

WASHINGTON, April 28 — With ideological and labor committees showing the sharpest growth, political action committees gave Federal candidates \$87,316,285 in 1981-82 election cycle, a 45 percent increase over 1979-80, according to a Federal Election Commission report made public today.

The report showed that 411 committees with no organizational affiliations, such as the National Conservative Political Action Committee and the Fund for a Democratic Majority, more than doubled the amount they gave campaigns for Federal office. But they gave a much smaller share of their receipts to candidates than any other category of political action committee.

The commission's report showed that the 1,310 political action committees affiliated with corporations gave more than those in any other category, followed by the 520 tied to trade, membership and health associations. The corporate committees gave \$29,270,815, up 36 percent over 1979-80, and the trade, membership and health groups gave \$22,834,099, up 34 percent.

Realtors Gave the Most

The committee that gave the most over all, the Realtors Political Action Committee, is in the trade, membership and health association grouping. The realtors accounted for \$2,115,135 in donations. The most generous committee tied to a single corporation, Tenneco's, gave \$454,150.

Sixteen leading labor committees gave more than that amount, and the United Automobile Workers' Community Action Program led with \$1,623,947. All 288 labor committees gave \$20,824,227, up 47 percent over 1979-80.

The biggest contributor among the political action committees not connected to other organizations, the National PAC, was at a level similar to Tenneco's. That group, a committee formed in 1962 that supports Israel, gave \$542,500 to 109 candidates. The 411 nonconnected committees together gave \$11,060,099, a 112 percent increase over 1979-80.

The National PAC donated 51 percent of the money it raised, which made it unusual among the nonconnected committees contributing to House, Senate and Presidential campaigns. Most gave a far smaller proportion of their receipts to candidates.

17 Percent of Yield Donated

For the 411 committees together, their contributions of \$11,060,171 were only 17 percent of the \$64,673,561 such groups raised. Corporate committees gave 62 percent, labor groups 56 percent and trade, membership and health groups gave 53 percent of their receipts to campaigns.

Terry Dolan, national chairman of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, contended that such comparisons were unfair to the nonconnected committees because they had to pay administrative and fund-raising costs out of their receipts, while the parent organizations in the other categories absorbed those costs.

Mr. Dolan's committee raised \$9,990,931, or more than any other committee in the country, but gave only \$263,171 to candidates, or 2.6 percent of its receipts.

He contended that such measurements also misconstrued the coalition-building purpose of his organization. He said it spent money to help strengthen conservative attitudes. The National Conservative Political Action Committee reported \$3,177,210 in such inde-

pendent expenditures, which are made without contact with any candidate. Mr. Dolan said this sum included "maybe \$200,000 or \$300,000 in fund-raising costs," which were listed that way at Federal Election Commission insistence. Reported independent expenditures and direct contributions to candidates together reached 34.4 percent of this group's receipts.

Others Used This Less

Other groups did not use independent expenditures heavily. The conservative group's independent expenditures amounted to 71 percent of those by all nonconnected committees, and 60 percent of all such expenditures made by all political action committees.

Another reason that small percentages of receipts went directly to candidates was cited by John W. Leslie, executive director of the Fund for a Democratic Majority, the group organized by Senator Edward M. Kennedy. The elections commission reported that this group raised \$2,307,606 and gave candidates \$175,959, or 7.6 percent of its receipts.

Mr. Leslie said that start-up costs were particularly high for his organization, which was founded in 1981. Almost all of its money was raised by direct mail, and "it costs us 80 cents to make a dollar." He said he expected that cost to decline as the organization acquired regular givers, and predicted that for the 1983-84 election cycle it would probably give 12 to 15 percent of its receipts directly to campaigns.

Among the important nonconnected committees with a relatively high share of their receipts going to campaigns were Democrats for the 80's, founded by Pamela Harriman, whose \$359,883 was 34.9 percent of its receipts, and the Republican Majority Fund, sponsored by Howard H. Baker Jr., the Senate majority leader, whose \$455,547 in contributions was 23.2 percent of its receipts.

Helms Group Gave 1.4%

One group came in with an even lower percentage than the National Conservative Political Action Committee's. It was the National Congressional Club, run by allies of Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina. Its \$135,264 in contributions was only 1.4 percent of the \$9,742,494 it raised in 1981 and 1982.

Carter Wrenn, executive director of the National Congressional Club, said, "We've got a cause other than just giving directly to candidates." He said his group spent \$1.5 million in the last two years on campaigns against a North Carolina gasoline tax, and in favor of President Reagan's economic program, including a general "vote conservative" television effort last fall.

While political action committees affiliated with labor organizations did not increase their receipts as sharply as the 61 percent gain recorded by nonconnected committees, they took in 46 percent more than they did in 1979 and 1980, and gave candidates 47 percent more.

Murray Seeger, director of information for the A.F.L.-C.I.O., said he believed the increases resulted from determined efforts to institute the checkoff, or payroll deduction, for contributions to union political action committees, and from a reaction against President Reagan's record, which he said had politicized and activated union members.

The labor committees were the most partisan in their direction of contributions, with 94 percent going to Democrats and 6 percent to Republicans. Corporate committees gave 66 percent to Republicans and 34 percent to Demo-

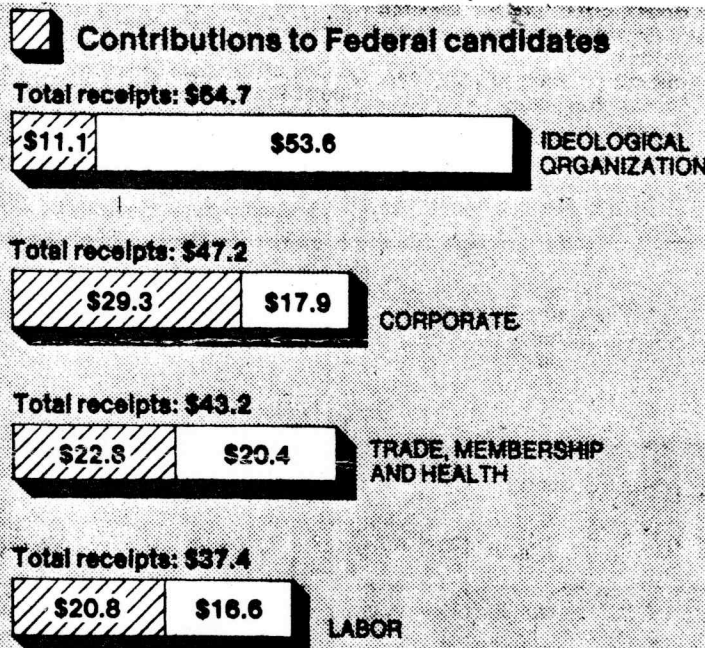
crats, and the trade, membership and health group gave 57 percent to Republicans and 43 percent to Democrats.

Those percentages were all about where they stood two years earlier. But the growth of nonconnected committees favoring Democrats, like Mr. Kennedy's, shifted the balance in that category. In 1979-80 those committees gave 30 percent of their contributions to Democrats, 69 percent to Republicans and 1 percent to others. In 1981-82 they split their contributions 51 percent to Democrats and 49 percent to Republicans.

In all, including the much smaller categories of cooperatives (\$2,188,668 in 1981-82 contributions) and corporations without stock (\$1,138,305), Democrats received 54 percent of the political action committee contributions and Republicans got 46 percent. In 1979-80 Democrats got 52 percent and Republicans 48 percent.

Political Action Committee Contributions to Candidates

For 1981 and 1982, political action committees' receipts and contributions by them to candidates for Federal office, in millions of dollars. Ideological organizations are political action committees not connected with corporations, unions or other organizations that can legally absorb administrative costs.



Ideological Committees

Receipts and contributions in 1981 and 1982.

	Receipts	Contributions	Pct. of Receipts Donated
National Conservative Political Action Committee	\$9,990,931	\$263,171	2.6%
National Congressional Club	9,742,494	135,264	1.4
Fund for a Conservative Majority	2,945,874	119,595	4.1
National Committee for an Effective Congress	2,430,886	368,443	15.2
Citizens for the Republic	2,415,720	471,367	19.5
Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress	2,359,477	156,123	6.6
Fund for a Democratic Majority	2,307,605	175,959	7.6
Committee for the Future of America (Mondale PAC)	2,190,264	228,562	10.4
Republican Majority Fund	1,967,119	455,547	23.2
Independent Action Inc.	1,189,059	109,840	9.2

Contribution figures do not include totals for independent expenditures for or against candidates, which totaled \$3,177,210 for the National Conservative Political Action Committee; \$388,399 for the Fund for a Conservative Majority and \$132,920 for Independent Action Inc.

Source: Federal Election Commission

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