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George Moscone does not have access to the vast sums of money upon which his opponents so freely draw. Nor does he have "for sale" the type of power that brings these monies. Granting favors in government has long been a way of life for some politicians whose ambition overreaches their integrity.

In return for these favors special interest groups and "fat cats" feed the campaign coffers of their governmental "employee."

George Moscone works for the people, and if his candidacy is to succeed, he must get his campaign funds from virtually hundreds of thousands of Democrats who give freely, expecting no more than an honest Governor. That much George Moscone can promise: government without favor.

Increasingly clear to active Democrats is the broad smear and stain that Watergate is leaving across the face of American politics. And when the public reaches the half-truth conclusion that all politicians are crooks, or that every campaign practices "dirty tricks", it's time to speak out pointedly to that public.

Republicans Accused

Let's face facts: only the Republicans were charged and convicted of burglary and illegal campaign donations. In fact, Senator George Moscone has pointed out that the primary source of "dirty money" is from large special interest groups and large corporations.

George Moscone has always been an outspoken opponent of the Reagan Administration's ever increasing budget deficits and their vicious cuts in social services. The Senator has charged that the Reagan Administration decided to air adequate local facilities for mental patients in 1976.

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It was Senator Moscone who took an interest in the inhumane conditions for mentally retarded at Pacific State Hospital. His actions resulted in the Reagan Administration deciding to air condition the hospital and make efforts to keep flies out of the patient wards.

"At times it seems as if the administration is only interested in getting rid of patients to local care. But when the state is asked to pay its fair share of costs—it fails," said Senator Moscone.

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The Moscone itinerary takes him north to south, including the high north counties, the Sierra, the Mother Lode, the Central Valley, desert areas, parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties, and concludes December 15 in San Diego county.

"I am not interested in sitting in the State Capitol and listening to the voices of the special interests and taking their money to put my face on film and be sold, like so much soap, to the public. We will conserve fuel, we will take public transit in some places—but above all we will get out of Sacramento and hear the people," concluded Senator Moscone.

"I have a strong suspicion that the people of this state have lost faith in government and that they are willing to tell me why, that they can be done and how. I'll be out there to listen."

"This trip is much like the trip I took as Mayor. When the people speak, I'll be there to listen and not necessarily in the State Capitol building. "Government is for the people and that's the aim of my candidacy for Governor."

CANDIDATE FOR Governor George Moscone and his son Jonathan with the vehicle that began carrying him south from Siskiyou County at the start of his Oregon border-to-Mexico tour of the state. The three-week itinerary includes stops in nearly 200 communities in 30 counties between Nov. 26 and Dec. 15.

Calls for state funds

Moscone blasts neglect of rural housing needs

In the belief that not enough new housing is available to Californians, Senator George Moscone has introduced legislation that would utilize the state's ability to borrow money to create housing for moderate income families.

Given a housing market where prices have jumped enormously Senator Moscone has suggested that the state's good credit rating be used to set up a program of borrowing to build.

Past governmental programs have only barely touched the substandard housing that is so prevalent in rural California.

The gap between rich and poor is plainly evident in the rural areas of the state where 70,000 families are forced to live in over crowded seriously substandard housing while another 70,000 "second homes" lie vacant a good portion of the year.

There are 34 smaller population counties in California that have only 7% of the state's people. Yet those counties account for 15% of the substandard housing.

Rural Housing

Federal home financing programs have not been anxious to move into rural areas. Senator Moscone's housing legislation is modeled after successful programs that operate in more than 25 other states where the state's borrowed money is funneled to organizations who build for existing markets in urban and rural areas.

The money paid in monthly installments is used to repay the state loans so there is no cost to the taxpayer. In addition there are built-in controls that prevent the spread of suburban sprawl.

State government, Senator Moscone believes, is in a much better position than the Federal government to provide the kind of single family and multiple-unit housing that its citizens need.

A State Housing Finance Agency would be set up to provide decent housing on an out-of-pocket basis and by a State Housing Administrator.

Promising a campaign for Governor that will get him out "among the people" State Senator George Moscone is underway in a border to border tour of California.

Departing the tiny Siskiyou County community of Hilt on Nov. 26, the Senator will stop in at nearly 200 communities in 30 counties.

"The day when those who seek high office decide to remain in their ivory towers, soak up riches from the special interests and spend it on a media campaign is all over," said Senator Moscone.

"I want to be out in California, listening to what the people who can't afford to come to Sacramento have to say."

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Moscone on wealth, Watergate

Moscone bid for Governor opens with statewide tour

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