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Ronald B. Dear

Governor Jimmy Carter
1974 Campaign Chairman
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Dear Governor Carter:

Thank you for the opportunity to have this input to the Democratic Campaign Committee.

I am enclosing a copy of our Conservative Victory Fund brochure which outlines many of the issues we feel are important at this time. Also, I will include two of our recent studies, "The Cause and Cure of Inflation" and "The Failure of Federal Housing".

Again, thank you for your interest. Should you have candidates who would like to contact ACU for more information concerning specific issues, please invite them to do so.

Sincerely,



Ronald B. Dear
Executive Director

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CVF ISSUES QUESTIONNAIRE - 1974

The CVF Issues Questionnaire is filled out by many candidates seeking endorsement and financial assistance from the Conservative Victory Fund. The statements attached represent issues with which CVF is concerned. The answers and comments are primarily to help our political action committee determine the extent of a candidate's agreement or disagreement with CVF positions, preparatory to their decision on endorsement and aid. All answers are the property of CVF; however, they will not be published before election without consulting the candidates involved.

Separate comments are not necessary, but we encourage them in cases where a candidate wishes to further explain his position or is undecided with respect to CVF's stand.

CVF ISSUES QUESTIONNAIRE - 1974

1. The Congress should support full funding of the Trident submarine.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

2. Full funding for research and development of the B-1 bomber should be continued.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

3. As long as Communist aggression persists in Southeast Asia, the U.S. should continue to supply military and economic aid to Laos, South Vietnam and Cambodia.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

4. The right to life question is one which concerns most Americans.
As a Member of Congress:

I would support a constitutional amendment banning permissive abortion and euthanasia.

I would support legislation which would return the responsibility for "right-to-life" legislation to the states.

I believe that it is a woman's right to have an abortion, and therefore would not support any effort to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in the matter.

None of the Above.

Comments:

5. Busing students for the purpose of racial balance should be prohibited either by legislation, or failing that, a constitutional amendment.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

6. Congress should not approve a SALT II agreement that violates either the letter or the spirit of the Jackson amendment, mandating U.S.-Soviet nuclear parity, to the SALT I agreement.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

7. A constitutional amendment should not be passed to allow direct popular election of the President and Vice-President.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

8. Congress should not pass any legislation instituting public financing of political campaigns.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

9. Legislation (such as the proposed national postcard registration bill) which would institute voter registration conducted by the federal government should not be passed by Congress.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

10. The federal government should be required by constitutional amendment to establish a balanced budget for each fiscal year, except in time of war.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

11. The President's authority to impose wage and price controls on the economy should not be renewed by the Congress.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

12. The U.S. should not terminate aid to our anti-communist friends and allies such as Taiwan, South Korea, Greece, and Chile.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

13. Congress should not enact a system of universal compulsory health insurance.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

14. Congress should not institute a guaranteed annual income or any other program which would increase the number of people eligible for welfare.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

15. Congress should approve a constitutional amendment permitting voluntary prayer in the public schools.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

16. The Congress should not pass any land use legislation which allows the federal government to place restrictions or regulations on local use of land.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

17. The U.S. should not extend low-interest loans to the Soviet Union.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

18. The U.S. postal system should be opened up to competition from private enterprise.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

19. New approaches toward improving the education system of our country, such as vouchers and tax credits to encourage diversity and avoid bureaucracy, should be enacted by the Congress.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

20. The American taxpayer already has a heavy tax burden. The Congress should control spending so as to avoid new taxes and should enact legislation which would place a limit on the percentage of real income which the federal government could collect in taxes.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

21. Congress should deregulate such commodities as natural gas which are still statutorily controlled.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

22. Tax-subsidized legal services for the poor should emphasize the use of private attorneys, with program control reposing in the fifty states.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

23. Congress should not allow federal funds to be used for lobbying, political activity, or assistance to issue-oriented private organizations.

Agree Disagree Undecided No Opinion

Comments:

Additional comments:

your signature



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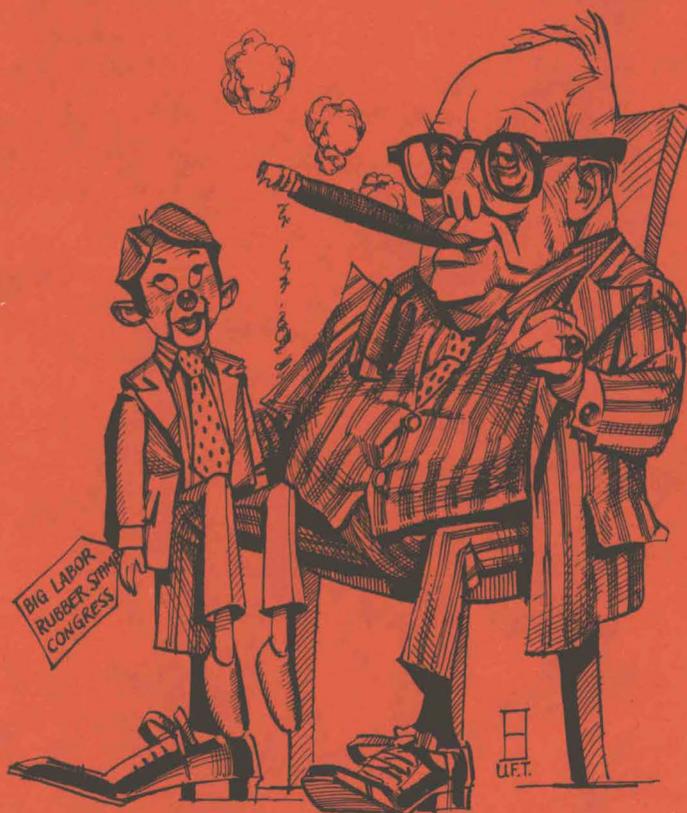
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The Congressional Elections: 1974

Will Big Labor's Challenge Be Met?

"Let no one be deceived. The greatest power play our country has seen is now being perpetrated behind the mask of Watergate. With all these self-righteous announcements made by the impeachment lobby, it is clear that the real aim is to seize political power in this nation without changing people's minds on the basic issues endorsed in 1972."

Senator Robert Taft, Jr.
(From a speech given Feb. 23, 1974)



"Now, that's my idea of a truly deliberative body."

Big Labor's Goal

High on the list of woes facing the GOP in this year's elections is the massive effort being planned by Big Labor to defeat conservative congressional candidates. According to reports in the *Washington Star-News* and the *Chicago Daily News*, the AFL-CIO is approaching the 1974 Congressional elections with a determination and degree of expertise believed unprecedented in the history of organized labor.

The reports quote officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties as marveling at the "dazzling" and "overwhelming" financial and manpower effort being planned. The principal objective of this operation is to elect a "veto proof" Congress which can muster the necessary two-thirds vote in the House and the Senate to override any vetoes the President attempts to exercise in his last two years in office.

According to Al Barkan, the crusty, battle-hardened political activities director of the AFL-CIO, seven Republican senators and from 23 to 25 GOP representatives must be defeated to reach this goal. Barkan is quoted as being optimistic that the union's objective can be reached.

Observers list three developments that support Barkan's optimistic analysis:

COPE, the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education, has already passed the half-way point in a massive new program to put on computer tapes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the more than 18,000,000 people affiliated with AFL-CIO unions.

In the planning stage is a new organizing department to coordinate and strengthen control over field operations.

Several of the unions which suspended their association with COPE when the AFL-CIO refused to support McGovern (including the International Association of Machinists and the International Union of Electrical Workers), are now back in the fold.

Many observers are predicting that the COPE effort this year may exceed the 1968 push when Big Labor registered 4.6 million voters, operated telephone banks in 638 locations manned by more than 72,000 people, and mounted a get-out-the-vote effort involving 94,000 recruits.

A labor effort of this size would have a great impact in any election, but experts feel that the COPE operation could be particularly damaging to Republicans this year in light of the Watergate scandal.

Pa. 12th Congressional District

A recent special election in the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania is a case in point and a preview of what to expect from Big Labor. An inescapable conclusion is provided by that campaign: Big Labor is making good its intention to marshal its manpower, finances, and political heavies in an all-out effort to elect 25 new liberal members and send a "veto proof" Congress back to Washington in 1975.

In the Pennsylvania contest, Democratic State Rep. John Murtha was the apparent narrow victor over Republican Harry Fox to fill the seat held by the late GOP Rep. John P. Saylor for 25 years. The victory margin (subject to a Fox requested recount) was a scant 221 votes out of 120,879 cast.

COPE, the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, made the difference. As the *Washington Star-News* reported (Jan. 30, 1974), in a Johnstown hotel "corridors and watering spots swarm with union professionals working to turn out the labor vote" for Democratic candidate.

The same article went on to report that top labor bosses such as Alexander Barkan, AFL-CIO's chief political voice; Arnold Miller, president and Mike Tibovich, vice president of United Mine Workers of America; Harry Boyer, president and Michael Johnson, vice president of the state AFL-CIO have been in the district to direct the intensive labor effort.

In all "agents" from more than 10 national unions participated in a heavily financed massive campaign directed by the state co-ordinators of COPE to insure that union members voted and for the right man.

Mich. 5th Congressional District

"From Johnstown (Pa.) the busloads of Meany's politicos rolled into Grand Rapids, Mich., where they successfully defeated another Republican candidate in a special congressional election." So stated Sen. Robert Taft, Jr. (R-Ohio) in a Cincinnati speech as reported by the *Washington Post*, Feb. 26, 1974.

His reference was, of course, to the recent upset victory by Democrat Richard VanderVeen over Republican Robert VanderLaan for Vice President Gerald Ford's old congressional seat.

The *Post* article went on to quote Sen. Taft, "Organized labor manned 300 phones in Grand Rapids and made 90,000 calls from union headquarters and hiring halls and contributed \$34,000 in cash to the Democratic candidate, VanderVeen."

Big Labor means business—so too must conservatives. CVF is the catalyst.

CVF's Goal

The Conservative Victory Fund's goal in 1974 is to stop Big Labor from gaining the "veto proof" Congress the union bosses are aiming for. CVF plans to do this by opposing liberal candidates and by aiding the 23-25 House and 7 Senate conservatives who are the special target of COPE.

CVF collects and distributes money only for conservative candidates for the House and Senate in both parties—and, unlike official party committees, it also donates money in all-important primary races. In the fall of 1972, 25 of the 53 candidates receiving CVF contributions were elected. This year we must increase the conservative representation in Congress. CVF, therefore, has set a financial goal of \$300,000 to be contributed to conservative candidates in 1974.

ACU's Interim Ratings of the Congress reflected the results of 1972 efforts by CVF. Of 15 freshman congressmen aided by CVF funds, six earned



scores of 100%. Representatives Armstrong, Bafalis, Conlan, Huber, Symms and Treen. The composite of the 15 first termers was 88.3%. CVF also assisted seven House incumbents, three of whom scored 100% with a composite averaging 89.2%.

Two CVF assisted freshman Senators also scored over 90%—Senators Helms of North Carolina and Scott of Virginia.

Again in 1974, with many primary contests right around the corner, CVF is seeking the support of the many conservatives who recognize that not only must the challenge of Big Labor be countered, but that we must take the offensive. Many familiar conservative legislators will be helped. Many new conservative challengers in key races throughout the nation will also be aided.

Your contribution will help decide whether or not such principled men can survive the concentration of Big Labor and leftist forces being brought to bear against conservatives.

Congressmen speak out on CVF.

"On August 21, 1973 I was elected to the United States House of Representatives from the First Congressional District of Maryland—thanks in large measure to the support of thousands of dedicated citizens who contributed to the American Conservative Union's Conservative Victory Fund. I am frank to say I could not have won this tough election without the support of CVF."

—Robert E. Bauman, 1st District, Maryland

"Without support of people and organizations like yours, it would have been impossible for me to succeed in defeating the liberal oriented candidate."

—Robert J. Huber, 18th District, Michigan

"This support has been not only appreciated but badly needed since it appears that it is the liberals who generally attract the big campaign funds. Also, the endorsement from your highly respected organization carries a lot of weight in my district."

—Earl Landgrebe, 2nd District, Indiana

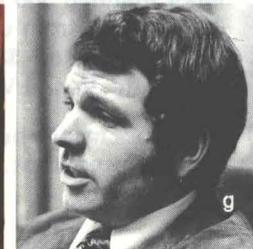
"The financial contributions from an intelligent conservative organization like CVF came at just the most needed time and gave a very valuable boost to winning my campaign."

—John B. Conlan, 4th District, Arizona

"CVF has earned the respect and merits the support of all who share the belief: 'that government governs best which governs least.'"

—L.A. "Skip" Bafalis, 10th District, Florida

Pictured are some of the many congressmen and senators who have been aided in their campaigns with assistance from CVF.



- a. Sen. James L. Buckley, N.Y.
- b. Sen. Jesse Helms, N.C.
- c. Rep. Earl Landgrebe, Ind.
- d. Rep. Trent Lott, Miss.
- e. Rep. Jack Kemp, N.Y.
- f. Rep. L. A. "Skip" Bafalis, Fla.
- g. Rep. Steve Symms, Idaho
- h. Rep. Marjorie Holt, Md.
- i. Rep. John Conlan, Ariz.
- j. Rep. William Chappell, Fla.
- k. Rep. Robert Bauman, Md. with Rep. John Rousselot and Gov. & Mrs. Reagan.
- l. Rep. Robert Huber, Mich.
- m. Rep. Harold Froehlich, Wisc.



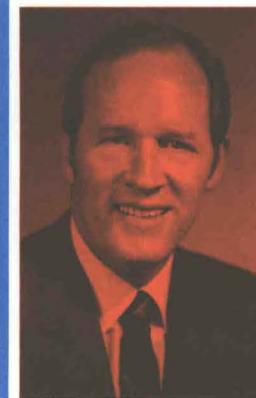
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- CVF is the only place where conservative candidates for Congress can turn for help in the face of opposition from opponents heavily financed by big labor, the liberal NCEC, etc.
- CVF conducts extensive research to locate and "target" key races where conservatives can win, and to insure the most effective possible use of available resources.
- CVF interviews and recruits prospective conservative candidates throughout the country, especially in key "target" areas.
- CVF provides financial assistance to conservative candidates in *primary* election contests, where "early money" often makes the difference.
- CVF assists conservatives in *special* elections. Reps. Barry Goldwater, Jr., Phil Crane and Bob Bauman are among the congressmen who first won election to Congress in special elections.
- CVF provides research data and other forms of issue-oriented material to aid candidates in knowledgeably and effectively promoting conservative positions, and attacking liberal ones.

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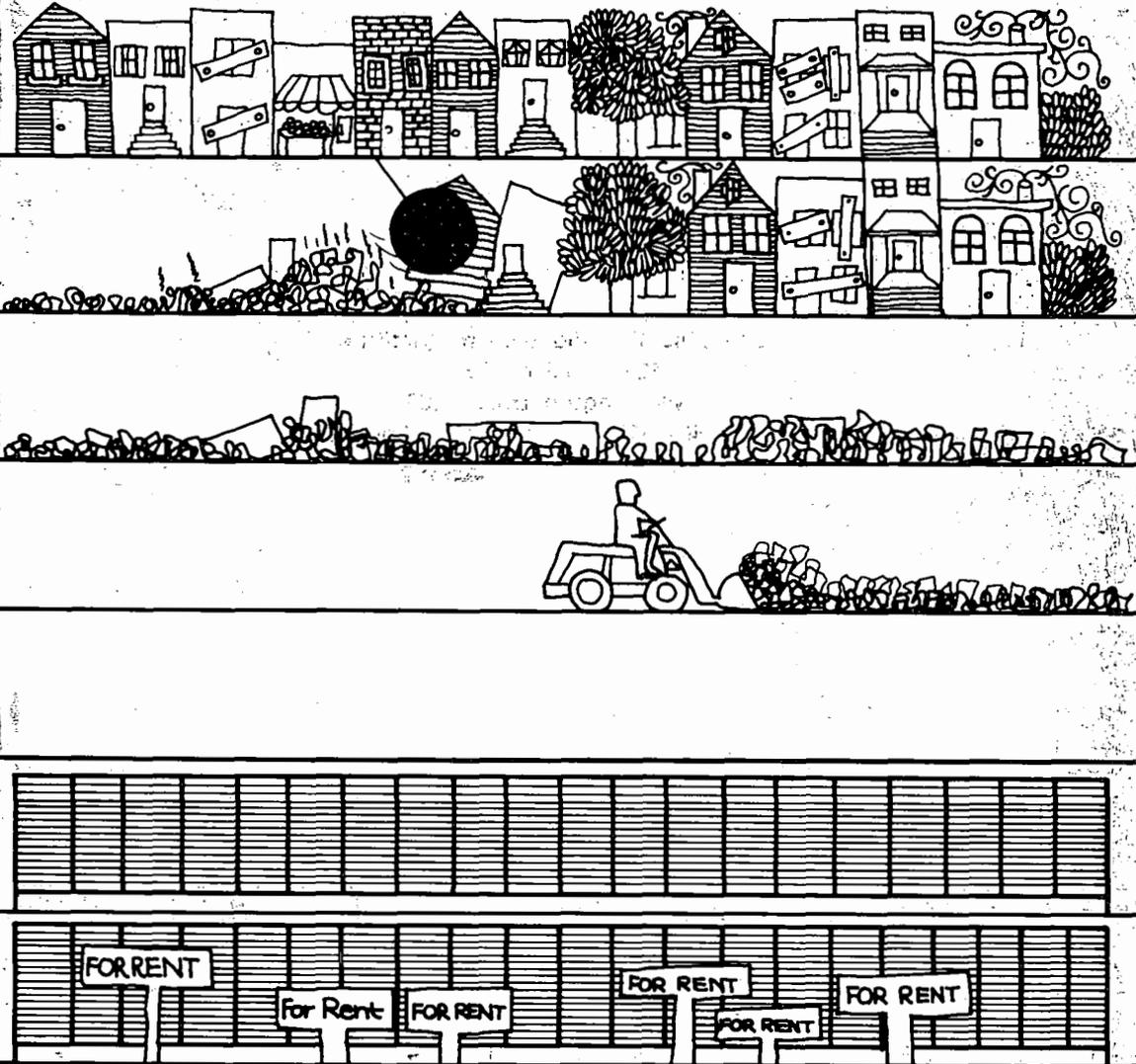
"Important decisions concerning the future makeup of Congress are being made today. Will the liberals continue to control the legislative process in the years to come? You can help answer that question. Your support now for the Conservative Victory Fund is a sound investment in America's future."

—Congressman John Ashbrook
Chairman, Conservative Victory Fund

The Failure of Federal Housing

✦ Richard Craswell

ACU Education and Research Institute



The Cause and Cure of Inflation

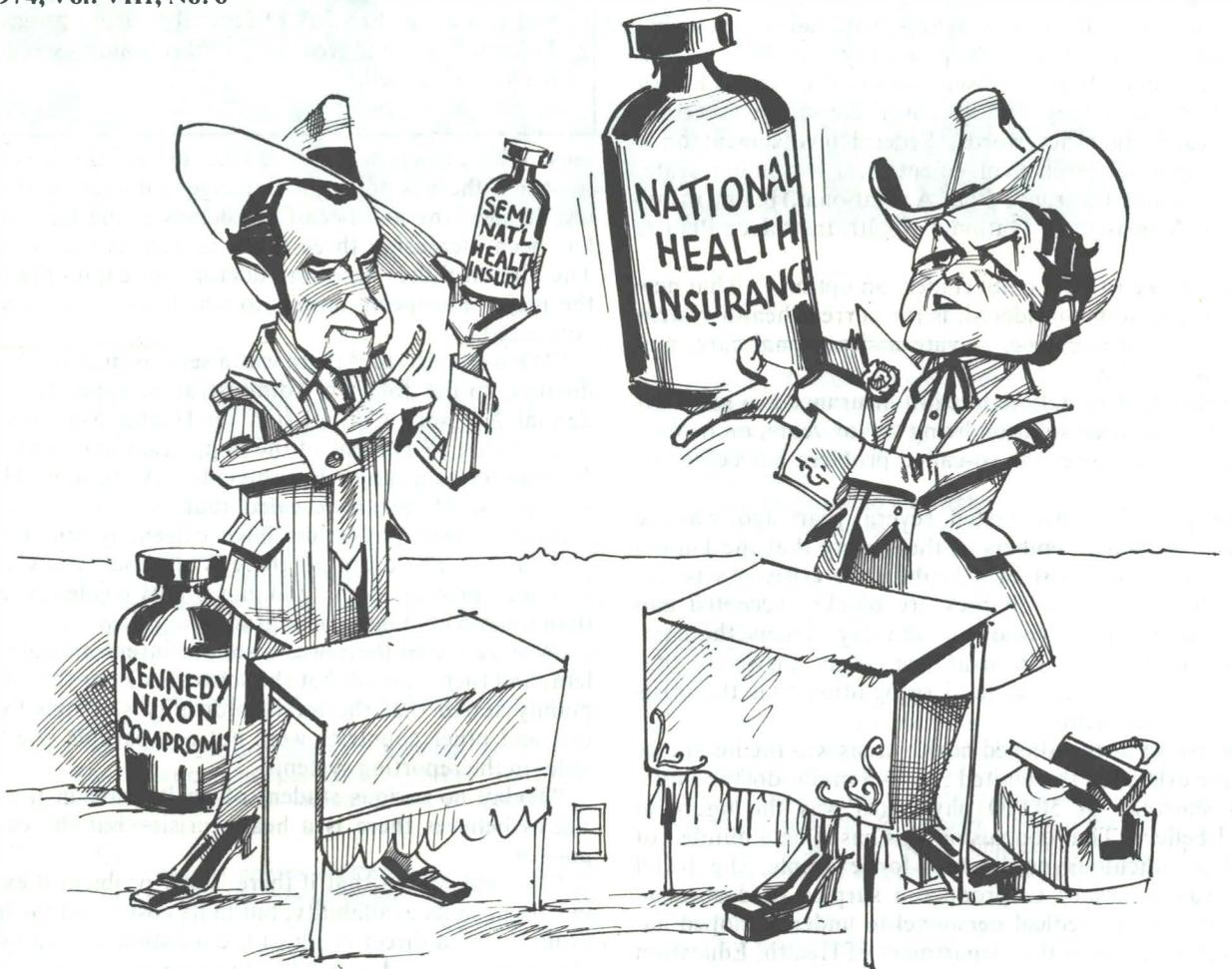
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National Health Insurance: A Sickening Prospect

H. L. Mencken once said: "For every human problem there is a solution that is simple, neat and wrong." And so it is with the present discussion raging here in the nation's capital about national health insurance.

Almost everyone talking about the subject is arguing that because health care in America is less than perfect, therefore the simple and neat solution is national health insurance in some form or other. Virtually ignored has been the most important question of all: should there be any government involvement in this area at all? As the *Washington Post*, of all people, has correctly observed, the parade of witnesses

before the Congress have "shown clearly that the question being debated is not whether the United States should have national health insurance, but what kind it should have."

In an effort to try and refocus some attention on the "whether" of this most important issue, the American Conservative Union has launched an all-out lobbying effort to defeat any type of national health insurance proposal.

Last month, ACU board members Rep. Phil Crane (R.-Ill.) and Marvin (Mickey) Edwards held a news conference and discussed the common fallacies in all the leading nation-

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