—REFUSE TO MAKE BUDGET PUBLIC—

Secrecy Cloaks Dick Nixon's Committee

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON

By Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — A Federal antidiscrimination committee headed by Vice President Richard M. Nixon has refused to make public the size of its budget or the results of its surveys on the extent of job discrimination by government contractors.

The news blackout came amid reports of increasing Southern opposition to the President's recent proposal that Congress give the committee, which now operates under executive order, legislative authority to continue and broaden its activities.

A Congressional Quarterly reporter asked about the budget of the President's Committee on Government Contracts and the results of its so-called "compliance surveys" during interviews with members of its professional staff.

Their decision to refuse the information was appealed to Nixon's office, and it was confirmed there.

Nixon has been chairman of the committee since it was set up by executive order in August, 1953. Its job is to get government contractors to uphold the clause in their contracts forbidding job discrimination.

Actually, the committee has no direct power to enforce the antidiscrimination clause. It carries on a campaign of education and persuasion with employers, unions and workers.

It also receives complaints of violations of the antidiscrimination clause and passes them on to the government contracting agency. The committee later reviews the action of the government agency on the complaint and may suggest other steps to remedy the situation.

Nixon's group in 1957 asked government agencies to start annual surveys of the employment practices of a carefully-selected list of 500 plants owned by big government contractors in cities with heavy Negro populations.

The survey was not limited to plants where job discrimination complaints had been filed, because the committee wanted to get a fair cross-section of industrial employment practices as a measure of the year-to-year progress of its own campaign against discrimination.

A scattering of results from the first survey was published in the committee's 1958 report to the President. But committee officials and Nixon's office refused to let Congressional Quarterly see the full results of the 1957 and 1958 surveys.

A spokesman said the committee regarded the survey findings as "matters for the internal use of the committee and not for publication."

As for the size of its budget, the spokesman said it had not been made public in the past and "no useful purpose would be served by reversing that precedent."

The executive order under which the committee is now operating says its budget should be drawn from funds appropriated to the regular agencies — like the Defense Department — whose contract officers get help from the committee on handling discrimination matters.

The President last month asked Congress, as part of his civil rights program, to provide legislative authority for the work of the committee. That would give it a direct appropriation each year.

The bill recommended by the President would also broaden the committee's authority to handle complaints, make surveys and conduct hearings on job discrimination. But power to enforce the antidiscrimination clause in government contracts would still remain with the department of government that signed the contract.

Even under the President's proposal, the committee would be a much less potent body than the wartime Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC), which President Roosevelt created and which President Truman tried unsuccessfully to have Congress continue.

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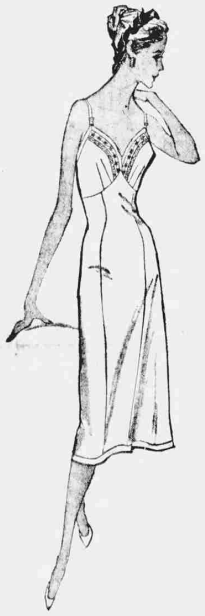

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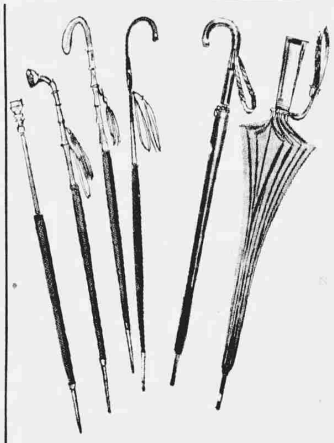

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