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Carter backers call foul on draft-Kennedy groups

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WASHINGTON — President Carter's re-election committee Thursday filed a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission charging that draft-Kennedy groups are illegally engaged in a coordinated effort to solicit contributions, and are exceeding legal funding limits.

Carter-Mondale chairman Tim Kraft said the Kennedy groups are pouring thousands of dollars into the Oct. 13 Florida precinct caucuses,

much of it illegally. The International Association of Machinists has contributed \$33,000 to various draft Kennedy groups — while their legal limit should be only \$5,000, Kraft said.

The suit challenges an earlier FEC ruling that draft Kennedy groups are not subject to the legal funding limits because they have not been authorized by Sen. Edward Kennedy.

But Kraft contends the draft Kennedy groups are conducting a coordinated effort and are pooling their funds — both of which could be against the law.

The Washington Post earlier reported that committee was filing the suit.

Those named in the complaint denied any impropriety — as did Kennedy, who was not named.

"We have no involvement whatsoever with these groups in fact, we've disavowed them," Kennedy spokesman Thomas Southwick told the Post.

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Juvenile offenders work off their time

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WATERLOO, Iowa — Crime really does not pay in Iowa's Black Hawk County.

Dozens of youths learn that by working at odd jobs to repay damages their victims suffered.

"It's a drag. You just work. It has some good days and some bad days," said one 16-year-old who ambled into the county probation office to discuss the program.

He had been arrested and charged with second degree burglary, armed robbery and deceiving an officer. Authorities assigned him to work to repay damages assessed at about \$700. The figure was later reduced to about \$300.

"I know I've done something wrong," the youth reluctantly admitted. "But I don't like paying it back. I guess that's the law. It'll make me think next time."

The Juvenile Restitution program is about two years old. Offenders work 35-40 hours every two weeks until the bills are paid.

The program's success prompted state officials to urge other counties to begin similar projects. The 1979 Legislature appropriated \$400,000 for funding.

Chief probation officer Roger Elsberry, 33, said the idea grew out of a crime against an elderly Waterloo school teacher in 1976. The teacher was assaulted and robbed by three youths in her home. She was never fully compensated for the theft and personal injury.

"I decided at that point that this office would take a stand and address the victims and their needs," Elsberry said in an interview.

"I toyed with this pretty much through 1977 because there was a vacuum in the probation process. Kids ask the question 'Why am I on probation? What do I have to do to get off probation?' Too many youngsters were saying, 'Oh, nothing.'"

Elsberry decided to use county money to hire youngsters instead of

replacing a staff member who had resigned.

Youths who plead guilty to charges are eligible for the program, Elsberry said. Those who plead innocent must go through traditional processes.

If damages occurred, parents may repay the victim outright or the youth may pay damages himself if he has funds or a job.

A juvenile who cannot find work and lacks means for repayment is referred to the restitution program.

Work hours are negotiated. Determining factors are the severity of the crime, the youth's general attitude and whether or not he was the ringleader and/or violent during

arrest. Youngsters can work daily three hours after school on weekends, or longer hours in summer.

Jobs include cleaning parks, picking up litter, mowing lawns for the elderly, janitorial work at county offices, shoveling snow or raking leaves, helping at local day care centers or painting fire hydrants.

Juveniles receive \$2 an hour, Elsberry said they can be paid less than the minimum wage because county money is used.

Seventy-five percent of the wages — or a minimum of at least \$35 — goes to their victims.

If a youth and his parents refuse to cooperate, the victim is encouraged to file a lawsuit in court.

Only nine of the 72 victims referred to the court in 1978 actually filed a total of \$13,706 in claims. Five of the nine cases were tried; the others were settled in court.

Elsberry said officials try to get all offenders work, regardless of the crime.

"We have minor referrals for shoplifting a \$5 or \$6 item, he said. "What do you do about the youngster? The property is recovered. What he's done is taken the time of the shop owner, the judge and used taxpayers' money. He should do community work."

The youths also visit area correctional facilities to see where their crimes can lead them.

Most of their complaints are the program focus on the nature of their jobs and the low pay.

"I'd prefer building than bogus work," said one 16-year-old. A 17-year-old charged with degree robbery agreed. His resti-

tion debt totaled \$529. He had reduced it to \$86.

"You do the same thing over and over every day. They don't pay enough to get things done, he said. Wilson, the mid-

"You have to work too long to pay the debt."

"They need a variety of jobs, harder jobs, like construction."

Still, he understood the cost behind the program.

"You pay for what you do. I wasn't doing this I probably would be going to (the State Boys Training School at) Eldora or somewhere else."

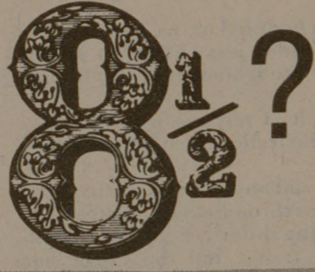
A work supervisor, Delbert Pierce, 24, of Cedar Falls, said supervisors become attached to youths "and start feeling that it's my child."

Another supervisor, Don Larson, 21, of Cedar Falls, said he works closely with the youths, you can't develop and mature.

"I know from personal experience with people that people can do. They have choices," he said. "There's no one to tell the kids. We work to try to tell the kids. They have a choice."

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