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FEC RELEASES 1990 YEAR-END PAC COUNT

WASHINGTON -- The total number of registered political action committees fell to 4,172, its lowest level in three years, according to a semi-annual survey taken December 31, 1990, by the Federal Election Commission.

The recorded decrease of 21 registered PACs since July 1, 1990, was fueled by a net loss of 53 non-connected committees and occurred despite a net gain of 21 trade/membership/health PACs. Registration activity among the other categories included: corporate, +13; labor, no change; cooperative, +1; and corporation without stock, -3.

Corporate PACs remained the largest category with 1,795 committees, followed by non-connected, 1,062; trade/membership/health, 774; labor, 346; corporation without stock, 136; and cooperative, 59.

Non-connected PACs, which are not candidate or party committees, must register and report to the FEC when financial activity exceeds \$1,000 during a calendar year. Connected PACs must register when established.

A caution - this release concerns only a count of federally registered PACs. Registration does not necessarily imply financial activity.

FEC COUNT - FROM 1974 TO PRESENT
(semi-annual)

December 1990

Date	Committee Type						Total
	Corporate	Labor	Trade/ Membership/ Health	Non- Connected	Cooperative	Corp. without stock	
12/31/74	89	201	318*				608
11/24/75**	139	226	357*				722
05/10/76***	294	246	452*				992
12/31/76	433	224	489*				1,146
12/31/77	550	234	438	110	8	20	1,360
12/31/78	785	217	453	162	12	24	1,633
08/00/79	885	226	483	206	13	27	1,840
12/31/79	950	240	514	247	17	32	2,000
07/01/80	1,107	255	544	309	23	41	2,279
12/31/80	1,206	297	576	374	42	56	2,551
07/01/81	1,253	303	579	441	38	64	2,678
12/31/81	1,329	318	614	531	41	88	2,901
07/01/82	1,417	350	627	628	45	82	3,149
12/31/82	1,469	380	649	723	47	103	3,371
07/01/83	1,514	379	664	740	50	114	3,461
12/31/83	1,538	378	643	793	51	122	3,525
07/01/84	1,642	381	662	940	53	125	3,803
12/31/84	1,682	394	698	1,053	52	130	4,009
07/01/85	1,687	393	694	1,039	54	133	4,000
12/31/85	1,710	388	695	1,003	54	142	3,992
07/01/86	1,734	386	707	1,063	56	146	4,092
12/31/86	1,744	384	745	1,077	56	151	4,157
07/01/87	1,762	377	795	967	56	152	4,109
12/31/87	1,775	364	865	957	59	145	4,165
07/01/88	1,806	355	766	1,066	60	143	4,196
12/31/88	1,816	354	786	1,115	59	138	4,268
07/01/89	1,802	349	831	1,051	58	143	4,234
12/31/89	1,796	349	777	1,060	59	137	4,178
07/01/90	1,782	346	753	1,115	58	139	4,193
12/31/90	1,795	346	774	1,062	59	136	4,172

* For 1974-76, these numbers represent all other PACs...no further categorization is available.
** On November 24, 1975, the Commission issued Advisory Opinion 1975-23 "SUNPAC".
*** On May 11, 1976, Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976 (P.L. 94-283) were enacted.

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