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An election report and a promise

This is our first National CAP Dept. newsletter, and it is pleasing to be able to devote the initial issue to what was, from CAP's viewpoint, a very successful 1976 election.

Succeeding monthly issues, however, will be devoted largely to the many other activities of CAP, our CAP Councils and our Local Union Citizenship and Legislative Committees.

After all, CAP is much more than just a political education effort that spurts every two or four years.

Our UAW Constitution mandates this department, our councils and our committees to take an energetic, ongoing part in a wide variety of community, civic, welfare, educational, consumer, environmental and cultural activities that "improve the economic and social conditions of UAW members and their families and promote the general welfare and democratic way of life for all people."

This department, our staff, our councils and the Local Union committees do much that should be reported, that deserves the praise of the membership and will, I am sure, serve as an inspiration to those Locals not yet involved in CAP.

You'll read elsewhere in this first issue of **Re CAP** that CAP printed and distributed some 3 million campaign-issue leaflets, registered a quarter of a million members and worked closely with minorities in turning out the vote.

We might add we circulated to our members, retirees and their families around 200,000 bumper stickers, about 8,500 posters, some 53,000 "peanut" pins, half a million "people" stickers, almost 226,000 buttons and last, nearly half a million two-ounce bags of peanuts.

Now, with that happily successful effort behind us, we can turn to reporting on our many other worthwhile CAP projects. We are confident succeeding issues of **Re CAP** will reflect the steady devotion of UAW members to the task of making this a more complete, more fulfilling life for all of us.

Henry L. Lacayo
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