

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The following open letter has been sent to the Hon.
Charles Teague, 13th Congressional District Representative

Dear Mr. Teague:

As members of the Santa Barbara County Democratic Central Committee and as citizens interested in good government, we wish to protest vigorously against your misuse of public funds for partisan purposes.

The federal government pays you \$100.00 monthly with which to rent office space in this district so that you may more efficiently serve your constituents. In "renting" this space at Republican County Headquarters (in Ventura) you are in effect subsidizing your party's activities, with public funds. We condemn such practices whether engaged in by Republicans or Democrats. In the present instance the practice is sufficiently questionable to have attracted the attention of Washington's leading newspaper. * Since you have persisted in it, we regard it as our responsibility to join Ventura County Democratic Central Committee in calling this breach of political ethics to the attention of the voters of this district.

On behalf of the Central Committee and in the interest of the people of this district, I request an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Adolf C. (Helen L.) Pedotti,
Chairman

* Washington Post, March 31, 1959

We will, of course, make public any reply we receive.

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