

Weekly Report
October 22, 1976

Corn Palace, S.D.

AVON, "John Engel Testimonial Dinner (Bon Homme)

John Engel a lifetime demo was honored at the dinner. McGovern was the main speaker and just told of how great John Engel is. McFarland was the M.C. and did a fairly good job, Denny appears to be running for something in the near future. Maybe governor. Denny read off Jim's letter to Engel. Spoke with Roseanne Minow (V.Chair) and the local candidates. The local candidates feel they are getting screwed in Bon Homme county. The party doesn't like them much because the candidates are from Charles Mix County and not Bon Homme. Warfield (Chair) was out of town for business.

Burke, McGovern Cocktail Party, (Gregory Co.)

McGovern was the guest speaker. He talked about demos and even mentioned Jim as being rated one of the top ten senators in the Senate. That was nice of him to say that considering McG. was not in the top ten and also when you consider the county. (Gregory) Talked to Jan Voelzke (Sec.) who I had met before and was really friendly said Jim was in trouble in that county because of the Indian issue. She seemed to agree with the general with the statement and is not really fired up in support of Jim. Her husband is mad at Mondale over the Child Services Act and thinks the John Birchers have some good points. (Scratch this county) Spoke with Gene Oliver (Chair), young guy from Burke and appears pretty good. Kranz (Mitchell paper) Oliver, and I then went over to the Winner demo dinner. (Oliver likes to watch go-goes in the Peacock Bar in Winner.)

Mitchell, Davison Co. Demo. Meeting

Had about 10 in attendance. Turned into work session with making leafets for the drop. Am presently helping on the Davison Co. get out the vote with Ann Mitchell and Paul Widman (Chair). Paul does a fairly good job but isn't too strong on the leadership angel. Heard rumor that local demos were distrubed that McG did not fill the Field Office seat left open with Gordon left. Next time Jim is in the state-- Mitchell should be a top stop to spot. I don't believe he has been around here in a while. Carter office is doing phone canvas and seems to be doing ok. Local candidates have a 50/50 chance of winning. Thats not that good considering this county has majority of demos. This county demos. seem strong McG but says little about Jim.