

## Media Determined the "November 2 Elections"

Nov. 6 (NSIPS) — The 1976 presidential vote figures which have provided war candidate Jimmy Carter his paper-thin "victory" margin are entirely the result of tabulations by the same news media that rigged their pre-election coverage to make the Georgia peanut huckster appear a credible candidate. Virtually no official totals will be available from state election officials until around Nov. 20, a canvass of states has determined, and the "returns" which announced Carter's "victory" early on Nov. 3 were unofficially compiled by an organization called the "News Election Service," a joint operation of CBS, NBC, and ABC, the Rockefeller controlled networks, and the Associated Press and United Press International wire services.

So thorough is the media's penetration of the vote counting process that election officials in some states claim that it is a "common American practice" to have "representatives of the media" take down vote totals from voting machines on election night and report them as unofficial returns to election boards — up to a month before county officials' returns reach the state boards and official state canvassers start looking at the same machines.

The News Election Service not only permits the networks and media to control the flow of information about the results to the public — results in more than 100 U.S. Labor Party congressional, state and local races across the country, as well as the LaRouche-Evans slate were blacked out. In addition, control of the returns permits the media unchecked license to issue spurious "vote profiles" which seek to lend credibility to the massive vote-stealing operation of the Carter machine, such as the claim that large numbers of New York State black voters cast ballots for racist U.S. Senatorial candidate Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a cover-up for the large numbers of votes cast for USLP candidate Elijah Boyd that were purloined into the Democratic column.

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Tennessee Board of Elections official Ellen Coles reported that neither official nor unofficial returns are available from the board until the first Monday after election day, "when we start canvassing the polls." When asked how Carter carried Tennessee's 10 electoral votes early on election night she said, "We know because the media says so. . . . the reporters go in and take down the tallies. Our inspectors have not done that yet."

A spokesman for the office of North Dakota's Secretary of State, which oversees the statewide elections, reported major party totals from the Fargo Forum, a local daily newspaper. North Dakota auditors do not inspect machines until Nov. 16, a full two weeks after the votes are cast and the state's three electoral votes are awarded.

Similarly, a spokesman for New Jersey's Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Bloom, said that there will be no official returns from New Jersey "for the better part of a month." When asked how they knew who won the elections she said, "We have to rely on the media." The office of New Hampshire's Secretary of State could furnish no statistics because she had "lost her newspaper." Labor Party organizers were unable to reach the Vermont Secretary of State's office, but were referred to the News Election Service.

In New York, county election officials in 21 counties have given "unofficial" results for USLP senatorial candidate Elijah Boyd and for the USLP's national LaRouche-Evans slate in the state. UPI spokesmen, however, say the NES has the full, statewide totals, which the NES has not made public. As of today, UPI spokesmen claim they are attempting to locate the NES computerized tally of the USLP returns in storage somewhere in an office in Albany. The State Board of Elections has not answered its telephone for the past two days.