

OUTLINE OF GLEASON HEARINGS

INDIANA COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 19, 1974 - SEPTEMBER 20, 1974

A. SACCO, LOUIS - Highway Superintendent

1. Sacco denied pressuring state contractors or highway workers to contribute to Democratic Party. He admitted that he asked both contractors and PennDot employes for donations, but never pressured or threatened anyone.
2. Arthur Kusic, Esq., Sacco's attorney, submitted sworn statements of 39 highway workers and 10 contractors to support Sacco's testimony. In one statement by Randall Spicher, he was quoted: "When the Gleason Committee questioned me, they asked if I had ever been pressured into donating money. When I told them 'Yes' they were very interested, but when I told them it was under the Republicans, they said they were not interested."

B. TATE, WILLIAM "SKIP" - Democratic Chairman of Indiana County

1. Tate disputed the testimony of George A. Campbell, who failed to appear, and who stated that Tate was present when he allegedly paid Sacco 10% of his earnings. Tate refuted Campbell's statement: "I never saw a check from Mr. Campbell. Some of the things Mr. Campbell said in his statement were misquotes: some of them were downright untrue."

C. STEWART, ELZIE - Farmer
COLEMAN, JAMES S. - Highway Worker
BEDICK, JOSEPH - Highway Worker
RUMMEL, ALFRED - Farmer

1. Stewart and Coleman both testified that they were approached by Sacco and Howard Kline, respectively, and asked for \$100.00 contribution.
2. Bedick testified that in 1971 he received disagreeable work assignments and was denied higher-paying work offer after refusing to donate \$90.00 to Democratic Party.
3. Rummel stated he voluntarily borrowed \$300.00 from a bank to make a contribution which Sacco had suggested to him. Sacco denies ever having asked Rummel for 5%.