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Congressman Lagomarsino,

I am writing about three different things:

1-- I was glad to see Finch (running against Tunney) come out and say that printing ballots in Spanish is wrong and a waste of taxpayer money. He said--and I agree--that anyone who is a citizen and cares enough to vote, should care enough to learn enough English to read a ballot and pamphlets.

2-- This probably has more to do with the above than we care to admit--but I was surprised to find out that Illegal Aliens can vote--and undoubtedly are voting.

(Perhaps Mr. Tunney is trying for these votes!) I work for the Social Security Admin. and was wondering if I could use a voters registration as proof of Citizenship. I phoned the County Clerks office and was told that it is not necessary to prove citizenship to vote. All you have to do is say you are a citizen! A Mexican girl in our office laughed and said that when she registered they didn't even ask her to raise her right hand. As if the right hand bit would deter anyone in this country illegally. As was shown on TV "60 Minutes" Feb 1., it is too easy for Illegal Aliens to get I.D. Congress has to do something to link Death and Birth Certificates so the criminals cannot get new I.D.

3--I have 5 years of college and have worked for Social Security for 18 years--and yet I am told I cannot be promoted to a field representative in my office because I do not speak Spanish! Ventura is not a Spanish Speaking city--nor is Ojai which we service, but because Santa Paula and Fillmore are a high percent Mexican they demand a Spanish speaking Field Representative. How unfair that you have to be Mexican to be promoted in the United States!

Also we just learned Friday that the Manager in the Oxnard office is leaving--and that his job will be filled with Spanish speaking only. Your last name has to be Lopez to get the job. Talk about discrimination! There is no reason why those who do not speak any English cannot bring a translator with them--or we cannot send a Spanish speaking steno along in emergency cases. We have also noted young kids with the last name of Lopez--born in the U. S. but not Spanish speaking--can take a quick Spanish course and qualify as Spanish speaking where as one of our past ~~managers~~ <sup>Mexican</sup> managers told me "Just because you take Spanish in school does not make you bi-lingual." (I had told him I guessed I would have to take Spanish to be promoted.)

Thank you for looking into our stolen airplane problem.

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