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VOLUNTEERS COLLECT DEMOCRATIC DOLLARS

Thousands of Democratic volunteers will canvass California neighborhoods on October 2 and 3 in search of Dollars for Democrats.

The 1965 Dollars for Democrats Drive will be conducted under the auspices of the Democratic State Central Committee in conjunction with the various county central com-

mittees. Democratic volunteer organizations and clubs have been invited to participate.

Los Angeles financial executive William L. Mitchell has been named Southern California Chairman of the Dollars Drive. Mitchell is a member of the Democratic Finance Committee and a Trustee of Democratic Associates, Inc.

The top collector in Southern California will have two guest tickets to a dinner with President Johnson in October.

Governor Brown, statewide chairman of the Dollar Drive, has asked California Democrats to "declare war on Democratic poverty." He called upon "thousands of doorbell soldiers to march through California neighborhoods in this important effort.

"Our party depends on the contributions — large and small — of every registered Democrat."

President Johnson has praised the drive, saying, "The volunteer work being done by the thousands of Southern California Democrats in the 1965 Dollars for Democrats Drive is an outstanding example of political activity which insures the best qualified candidates are elected to serve in high office."

Funds collected during the Dollars Drive will be used exclusively in local campaigns to aid Democratic nominees. The Democratic



WILLIAM MITCHELL
Dollars Chairman

club or volunteer organization will receive 30 percent of the monies received. The remaining funds will be divided among Democratic nominees for the state Legislature, Congress and the constitutional offices. All funds will be spent in the district in which they are collected.

As the DEMOCRATIC REPORT went to press, the following dollar Chairmen had been selected: Mary Oreck and Myrl Linthicum, Los Angeles County; Irene Tomnitz, Imperial; Tom O'Reilly, Santa Barbara; Winnie Phillips and Nick Abdelnour, Riverside; Henry Dawn, Ventura; and Dr. J. D. Leggett, Orange.

STATE COMMITTEE SELECTS CHAIRMAN

Robert L. Coate, Northern California State Committee Treasurer, is expected to replace Roger Kent as Democratic State Central Committee Chairman on September 18th.

The new state chairman will be chosen by the D.S.C.C. Executive Committee which will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 18th at the Hilton Inn in San Francisco. Kent has publicly informed Governor Brown of his intention to resign at that meeting.

Coate has the support of Southern California Democratic Chairman Carmen H. Warschaw.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

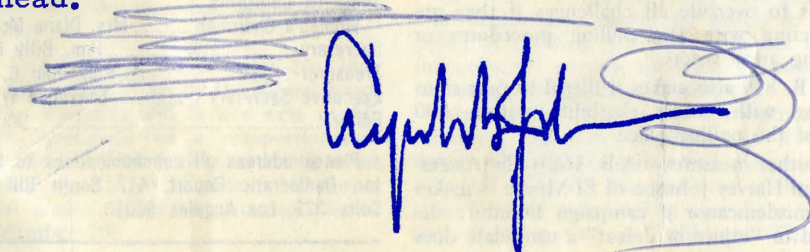
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1965

It is a pleasure to send my warm greetings to the readers of The Southern California Democratic Report published by the Democratic State Central Committee.

The useful information provided by the Report on current issues and political activities is contributing toward the strengthening of our Party in your State, and is helping to ensure constructive support for the many Administration programs designed to meet the needs of all our citizens.

May the Democratic Report continue to inspire its readers to energetic action toward the solution of the problems which still confront our nation. Both your staff and readers have my gratitude for your fine work and my good wishes for the years ahead.



FASHION SHOW HONORS WOMEN

Democratic women from throughout Southern California will attend a fashion show in their honor at noon, Friday, October 15th in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel.

"We'll have Joseph Magnin fashions modeled by beautiful Hollywood stars," states Democratic State Women's Chairman Trudy Owens.

Famed columnist Abigail Van Buren will narrate the fashion show. Models will include Joanne Woodward, Lauren Bacall, Janet Leigh, Barbara Rush, Diana Lynn, Polly Bergen and Hope Lange.

Mmes. Sally Goodman and Nancy Olson Livingston will be co-chairmen of the event. Tickets are available for \$10 from Democratic Headquarters, 417 So. Hill St., Los Angeles 90013. For further information, telephone MA 9-1121.

"With celebrities from both the political and entertainment worlds in attendance, we should have a great day," Mrs. Owens said.

State Committee Offers Affiliate Memberships

Active Democrats can help their party and increase their participation in Democratic affairs by becoming Affiliate members of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Affiliate membership dues are ten dollars and entitle the Affiliate member to attend the biennial Democratic State Convention in Sacramento and other events ordinarily reserved for State Committee members.

Included in the dues is a subscription to the Southern California Democratic Report which will keep the Affiliate member up-to-date on Democratic activity. Affiliates will also receive invitations to major Democratic events and State Committee publications on national and state issues.

"With the crucial 1966 elections just around the corner, it is important that more and more active Democrats become involved in the State Committee programs which are aimed at re-electing our Democratic teams in Sacramento and Washington," Southern California Democratic Chairman Carmen H. Warschaw said in announcing the Affiliate membership program.

Readers of the DEMOCRATIC REPORT can become Affiliate members of the Democratic State Central Committee by placing ten dollars in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, filling out the form on the envelope and returning it.

Affiliate members of the Democratic State Central Committee will receive their official membership card by mail.

RIOT OVER, QUESTIONS REMAIN

by Governor Edmund G. Brown



GOVERNOR BROWN

The basic sequence of events is familiar, too. Local law enforcement and the California National Guard were mobilized swiftly to end the bloodshed and restore order. A curfew that I imposed helped break an uncontrolled and explosive chain of events. The rioting was stopped.

But its causes and a myriad of troubling questions remain.

As I said in Los Angeles on August 19, no one can adequately explain all that has happened or tell what the violent events portend. "There is too much we do not know or understand; too much to learn or unlearn, not only for ourselves, but for people like us across a disturbed and questioning nation."

To guide our explorations of the meaning of those events, I have appointed a special commission of distinguished leaders in our state to make an objective and dispassionate study of the riots.

All of us have just been through a sad and shattering experience in the August riots that rocked Los Angeles and our consciences.

By now, the cold statistics are familiar to us all: the number killed, the number injured, the loss in property destroyed.

Even as the commission begins its task, we can be clear on some fundamental facts. What happened in Los Angeles was a formless riot — not a civil rights demonstration. The riot was not over whether a Negro has the right to vote or a legal right to any job for which he can qualify. We have established those things in California. The riot took place in a scene of broken families and broken hearts; of lonely children and aimless adults; of frustration and poverty.

And while poverty is no excuse for violence, let us remember, too, that violence is no excuse for indifference to poverty.

What occurred is not exclusively a Los Angeles problem, nor alone a California problem. Nor is it, nor should it be, a partisan matter.

As Democrats we know we must end the discrimination and deprivation that breed frustration, poverty and violence. We have taken the lead in California and in the nation in Legislation to help secure true equality of opportunity for all citizens.

But the task ahead is a task for all Californians, and I ask all Californians to join in it.

I believe that out of the disaster we can come to a clearer understanding of our complex society. We can come to a stronger determination to correct cruel inequities. And we can resolve to build a city and state in which these events can never occur again.

LEGISLATURE CLOSES 'EAGLE EYE'

"The state Legislature made great progress during the 1965 session in preventing future Republican election law abuses," reports Los Angeles City Councilman Billy G. Mills, chairman of the Democratic Party's Committee on Election Law Violations.

"Despite concerted Republican opposition, the Legislature took positive steps to eliminate the odious practices which were used by Republican precinct workers, as part of Operation Eagle Eye, to prevent Democrats from voting in the last election," Mills said in issuing a Report on Election Law Changes to Democratic State Central Committee members.

The Legislature enacted a measure — A. B. 839 by Democratic Assemblyman Alfred Song of Monterey Park — which will curb Republican attempts to intimidate and deceive Democratic voters. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to challenge a voter on fraudulent or spurious grounds or to engage in mass challenging. The bill authorizes the precinct boards to overrule all challenges if they are interfering with the polling procedures or turning away voters.

A. B. 839 also makes it illegal to post signs dealing with voters eligibility within 500 feet of the polling place.

Another measure — A.B. 168 — by Assemblyman Harvey Johnson of El Monte — makes it a misdemeanor if campaign literature designed to "injure or defeat" a candidate does

not bear the names of the persons or political organizations responsible for its publication.

The Legislature enacted a law which will require the Democratic State Convention to meet biennially, during election years. State Committee appointments were extended to two years.

Copies of the Report on Election Law Changes may be obtained from Democratic Headquarters, 417 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

James Roosevelt's assignment to the United Nations means that California is losing a great Congressman. During his 12 years in Congress, Roosevelt became one of the leading liberal voices in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Roosevelt has been one of the great champions of the worker and the small businessman. In his new position he will be working for human dignity for all the peoples of the world.

Filling Roosevelt's shoes in Congress will be a difficult task. There are a number of capable and articulate Democrats in the area who would be excellent candidates and excellent Representatives.

The final decision will be up to the Democratic voters in the primary. Our party will benefit if the voters are allowed to choose among all of the potential candidates without endorsements by party organizations.

The open primary allows the voters to choose the best candidate. The 26th district and the party will benefit from such a primary.

This election, the first in Southern California since President Johnson's sweeping victory, should provide a good political barometer for next year's statewide campaign. A large victory will provide real impetus in developing strong support for the entire Democratic ticket in 1966.

CARMEN H. WARSCHAW

State Supreme Court Orders Reapportionment

Reapportionment of both houses of the state Legislature will be an accomplished fact by December 9th.

The State Supreme Court has given the Legislature until that date to enact a new apportionment plan based on the doctrine of one man — one vote.

If the Legislature fails to redistrict on a population basis by the deadline, the court will impose its own reapportionment plan which complies with recent federal decisions which have invalidated boundaries in state legislatures which give disproportionate representation to less populous counties.

If the court plan is imposed, the newly constituted legislature, elected in 1966, will be under orders to do a permanent reapportionment at the 1967 general session.

A Los Angeles federal court, which originally ordered reapportionment, could over-rule the state court decision, but this appears to be unlikely.

The Legislature failed to meet the June 15 deadline originally set by the federal court, when the Assembly and Senate were unable to reach agreement on a reapportionment plan. Leaders of both houses asked the court for another opportunity to enact a bill during a special session called by Governor Brown for September 20.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT PROMOTES EQUALITY FOR SOUTHERN NEGROES

By Congressman James C. Corman
Member, House Judiciary Committee

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 promises to unfasten the last major schackle of the bonds which have kept the American Negro in a state of second-class citizenship for more than a century.

This bill, enacted into law early in August, is the second landmark civil rights law passed by Congress in two years. In 1964, we passed a great civil rights law which effectively eliminated the scourge of racial discrimination from many areas of our national life.

However, it soon became apparent that additional legislation was needed to implement the 15th amendment and guarantee the right to vote to all Americans.

The subsequent Voting Rights Act of 1965 suspends the use of literacy tests or similar voter qualification devices which have been used to deny the Negro access to the ballot box. The law orders the registration of Negroes by federal examiners in states and voting districts where less than 50 percent of the persons of voting age in that area were registered to vote on Nov. 1, 1964, or actually voted in the '64 Presidential election.



REP. JAMES CORMAN

Although liberal forces did not succeed in flatly banning poll taxes in state elections, we did secure a provision which directs the Attorney General to institute court proceedings against these discriminatory levies.

As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, I was privileged to help draft this legislation. As we readied the bill for House debate, Congress witnessed the formation of a strange alliance of Republicans and Dixiecrats.

Minority Leader Gerald Ford had prepared a substitute to the committee bill and solicited Dixiecrat support for its passage. But this Southern support proved to be Ford's undoing, for liberal Republicans found themselves unable to back a civil rights bill that could gain the support of arch segregationists. The GOP-Dixiecrat alliance thus assured passage of the administration-backed committee bill.

In signing the bill, President Johnson noted that "the vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men." With passage of this historic act, freedom — too long denied — will now pass into the hands of millions of Americans.

EDUCATION PROGRESS CONTINUES

By Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh

As Democrats we tend to point with pride to individual, spectacular achievements to justify our record of service in government. This is perfectly proper. The spectaculars are certainly important and worthwhile in themselves.

But we must not overlook what I would call the continuum of achievement — a series of accomplishments which, taken together, represent a direction and philosophy of which we should also be proud.

The California Legislature's record in the field of educational reform represents just such a direction and philosophy. We started with certain theories about what a publicly owned, tax supported school system should be, and set about insuring that this state had that kind of system.

In 1961, we turned theory into practice. The Legislature reversed the widely accepted policy of allowing under-educated but highly indoctrinated persons to teach by passing a law emphasizing academic subjects.

After teacher reform, we concentrated on reforming the school system. In 1964, I sponsored a school finance and reorganization bill, AB 145, for the purpose of bringing some kind of order out of the chaos that is the school system in California. This law



SPEAKER UNRUH

now provides for unification elections and financial incentives for districts which adopt a more economical type of organization.

This measure is the beginning of the end of our nightmarish organizational structure. We still have 150 or fewer children in each of over 500 school districts and almost all of those districts are totally unnecessary. By next year, I would expect upwards of 75% of our children to be enrolled in soundly organized, adequately financed unified school districts.

In this year, 1965, the Legislature turned to specific matters of educational substance. I sponsored two bills to establish pre-schools in poverty stricken areas and to create special reading programs for slow readers in the primary grades.

In terms of equal educational opportunity, our 1961 and 1964 actions really established an equity among school districts. It seems to me that the 1965 legislation is directed toward establishing this equity within districts.

I think we have much to be proud of in the achievements we have made in improving and reforming our educational structure. To be sure, much remains to be done. Most basic here is the absolute necessity to extend meaningful education to the thousands of boys and girls who are underprivileged and socially disadvantaged. The last word in our philosophy of education has not been spoken, but we have made a major thrust in the right direction.

WAR ON POVERTY HELPS TO BUILD BETTER LIVES

by Councilman Billy G. Mills

What we do in our local war on poverty and its associated ills will affect the quality of all our lives for years to come. We seek to better the lives and the attitudes toward life of many of our fellow citizens.

Los Angeles has established a workable and responsive agency to implement the local War on Poverty. It is the Economic and Youth Opportunity Agency, a joint power body representing the city, county, city schools, county schools, welfare organizations and the poor themselves.

The EYOA will administer the various projects funded under provisions of the 1964 Economic Opportunities Act, the government's "War on Poverty." It replaces the joint powers Youth Opportunity Board, which was established in 1962 to establish and administer programs to deal with problems of juvenile delinquency and youth training.

It was unfortunate that our community had to suffer a riot, but this expression of unrest and discontent focused attention on a situation which is symptomatic of an otherwise healthy city. This was and is a cry in the night for aid and assistance. Much of the southern and eastern parts of our city suffer from race bias, lack of educational opportunity and advantage, unemployment, and lack of self-esteem.

The riot was not unexpected. Many of us have known of the potential for this type of disorder for years. But we were limited in what we could do about it. The Challenge went practically unanswered. So, segments of the community cried out in despair and expressed their discontent.

With our new tools, the Economic Opportunity Act and the EYOA, we can begin to move against these heretofore chronic social ills. We have accepted the challenge and the responsibility.

In accord with provisions of the act, poor people will sit with government and welfare experts to assess community strengths and weaknesses. Selected in a democratic manner from the various poverty areas, they will represent the thoughts and aspirations of the poor where it counts most — at the planning level, where the decisions are made and the projects proposed for funding are accepted or rejected.

The battle plans are drawn. The strategy is being discussed. Federal funds are on the way. Now we can turn our attention to organizing the troops to fight the various aspects of poverty in our community.

The Neighborhood Adult Participation Project, Operation Headstart, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Teen Crash Programs, the Job Corps, Volunteers in Service to America, Youth Training and Employment Projects, will soon be broadened and supplemented by other projects. These are the beginning of serious and sustained attacks on the disruptive forces in our community. We owe it to ourselves and our society to do our very best and our utmost to wage a hard, uncompromising fight until the War on Poverty is won.



ANTI-POVERTY LEADERS — Undersecretary of Commerce Leroy Collins announces a new Los Angeles poverty program. With Collins are Councilman Billy G. Mills (left) and Supervisor Ernest E. Debs (right).

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AIMS FOR 1966 ELECTION VICTORY

The state-wide Democratic Campaign Committee is working to aid in the election of Democratic candidates in every district in California.

The Committee, under the chairmanship of Assemblyman Leo Ryan of South San Francisco will work with Democratic candidates for Congress, the state legislature and the constitutional officers to build a strong Democratic organization throughout the state.

Southern California Democratic Chairman Carmen H. Warschaw is vice chairman of the committee. State Treasurer Bert A. Betts; Senate President pro Tempore Hugh M. Burns; Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh and Rep. Cecil King, Chairman of the California Congressional delegation, serve on the Executive Board.

Donald L. McGrew, the Campaign Com-

mittee's Executive Director, has completed a statistical survey of every district in the state.

Ryan, McGrew and State Central Committee Executive Secretary Lawrence W. Fisher are completing a series of meetings with every Democratic Legislator to determine the party's strengths and weaknesses in each district and to develop a program of Campaign Committee services for the Democratic candidates in the state.

The Campaign Committee will receive a portion of its financial support from the CALIFORNIA FACTBOOK, which tells the story of California's tremendous growth and progress. This annual publication of the Democratic State Central Committee is distributed to schools, libraries and corporations throughout the United States.

LIFE OF THE PARTY

The Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee will hold a Political Action Conference on October 23rd at the Ambassador Hotel. Los Angeles County Chairman Paul M. Posner has named Thomas C. Smith as chairman of the event.

State Senator Thomas Rees will be honored at a \$50-a-plate dinner at the Beverly Hills Hotel on September 31. Congressman Charles H. Wilson will be honored at a \$100-a-plate dinner at the Cockatoo Restaurant in Inglewood on September 27th.

Democratic Finance Committee member Jack Arian has been appointed to the Small Business Advisory Council for Southern Cali-

fornia by the Federal Small Business Administration.

The 63rd A. D. Democratic Volunteers Committee will hold a Dixieland Jamboree at the Parkview Women's Club on October 31.

Assemblyman George Danielson will be feted at the 48th A. D. Democratic Volunteers Committee's annual LBJ Barbecue at 2441 Winthrop Road, Alhambra, on October 30th.

An Evening at the Theater, honoring Congressman Ronald Cameron, will be held on October 23rd at the new Carousel Theater in West Covina.

ANYTHING FOR A FRIEND

John Rousselot, the national public relations director of the John Birch Society, has offered to help Ronald Reagan any way he can. Rousselot said he would either attack Reagan or endorse him for Governor, whichever would help most. Their conversation must have gone something like this:

"Ronnie baby, is there anything we can

do? Letters to the editor saying what a louse you are? Anything?"

"Thanks, John. You guys at the Birch Society are really cooperating, but there is one thing."

"Name it."

"Could you call me a communist just once; it did wonders for Ike?"