

April 5, 1962

TO: Ventura County Democratic Central Committee
Ventura County Democratic Council
Presidents, CDC Clubs

REGION II MEETING IN LOS ANGELES
on April 3, 1962

On April 3, 1962, Region II of the California Democratic Council held a caucus meeting in Los Angeles. Region II is one of five geographical divisions of the CDC. It comprises Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. The meeting of congressional district council chairmen, congressional district directors and assembly representatives was called by Miss Toby Osco, Vice President of Region II.

A Region is not a decision-making body. It meets on special call prior to meetings of the CDC Board of Directors to discuss the agenda and other matters of interest to the members.

The meeting was called principally to discuss the agenda for the Fresno meeting of the Board of Directors of CDC on April 6, 7 and 8. I will send you a report of that meeting next week. Other items discussed were:

1. A "CDC State Headquarters" has been opened at 5520 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood (HO 6-7511). The Governor and all constitutional officers will have offices and representatives in the Headquarters. The CDC will pay the cost and a major share of expenses of the headquarters and the candidates will pay for expenses connected with their offices. Campaign literature and information will be available. The headquarters will be officially opened by an Open House Party on April 13th (Friday), beginning at 8:00 P.M. CDC members are especially invited. Please notify

as many members and Delegates as you can. Governor Brown and Democratic candidates for State and Federal offices will attend.

The headquarters will be maintained throughout the year as the central headquarters for the primary and general elections.

2. The matter of endorsing for non-partisan offices and issues was discussed. Apparently, some clubs in Los Angeles County are torn apart just trying to settle the question of whether or not to endorse. There was no unanimity of opinion and, of course, no action was taken. I informed them that many of the Ventura County clubs had prohibitions against such endorsements in their by-laws. Most of the people seemed to favor the view that the matter should be left to each club (Ventura County system) to decide or there should be no such endorsements. Others felt that CDC clubs should endorse candidates for non-partisan offices.

3. CDC lapel pins may be ordered from Mrs. Lenore Barrett, United Democratic Headquarters, 5523 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 28, for \$18 per dozen. Many clubs raise funds by selling them at \$1 per pin. Send your check or money order with your order.

Jen
JAMES C. BASILE
37th Assembly District Representative

2223 Pierpont Boulevard
Ventura, California
(Miller 8-4994)