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## The Council

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What should be the function of the Ventura County Democratic Council? There are a number of areas where the Council could be a greater influence in the Democratic Party.

First—the Council is a concentrated body where all the Democratic clubs are represented by dedicated delegates whose voices can be heard for the needs of their clubs and the Democratic Party.

Second—the Council should not become a stagnant body after a convention attended by a small part of the club's membership.

Many people wonder if this is proper, or if we should present all qualified Democratic candidates to the voters at the primary election. After the vast number of voters have spoken, we should be the reservoir of strength to help the official representatives of the party who are nominated by the people, and to carry the heavy load of electing the party's nominees in the November elections.

Our greatest potential for harmonious action is to help Democrats fight Republicans and get our candidates elected to public office. When the Democratic voters have spoken, we are their servants. We can accomplish their desires if we unite in November.

Andrew Habecker, Pres.  
Ventura County Democratic  
Council

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## Guest Editor

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Well it is that time of the year for industries and organizations to again give out their awards for past performance and achievement. Next month on June 5th, the Democrats of the state of California will also be given the privilege to give out their awards for these honors. It will be our way of offering thanks and appreciation for the splendid leadership we have enjoyed in the last three years and will continue to have in the future. The election of Governor Brown, Glenn Anderson, Stanley Mosk, Richard Richards, Alan Cranston, Bert Betts, and Don Rose is a necessity for the state of California if we want to continue the work that has been started in the most successful term in decades. It will take hard work on behalf of all Democrats to insure their election. Through the combined efforts of every person we can unite behind our elected candidates in the primary and bring in November defeat to the Republican party once again.

Ted Grandsen, President  
Simi Valley Demo Club

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## Subscription Drive

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We need still more subscriptions to our Ventura County Democrat. Why not send your copy on to a fellow Democrat, and ask him if he would like to receive this monthly bulletin. Help us keep our County Democrats informed of the activities of the Ventura County Democrats.

## MAY CALENDAR

May 7	Camarillo Club meeting	7:30 p.m.	Community Center
May 8	Santa Paula Club meeting	8:00 p.m.	Santa Paula High School
May 9	Conejo Valley Club	7:30 p.m.	Kover's Redwood Lodge, Thousand Oaks
May 10 SEND CLUB NEWS ITEM FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DEMOCRAT			
May 14	Ojai Valley	7:30 p.m.	Nordhoff High School
May 15	Simi Valley Women's Club	7:30 p.m.	Mrs. Paul Terry, 3248 Township, Simi
May 15	Port Hueneme Club	8:00 p.m.	150 Ponoma Street, Port Hueneme
May 17	County Central Committee	7:30 p.m.	1535 E. Main, Ventura
May 20	Senator Richards Bar-B-Q	1:00 p.m.	Steckle Park, Santa Paula
May 21	Oxnard Club	8:00 p.m.	Driffill School
May 29	New Frontier Club	8:00 p.m.	Portuguese Hall, 750 Wooly Road, Oxnard

### Conejo Valley Club News

George Holgate, candidate for representative from the 13th Congressional District; Burt Henson and Les Maland, candidates for the state assembly, 37th District; and four candidates for the office of Ventura County Sheriff spoke at the last meeting of the Conejo Valley Democratic Club.

Most of the verbal action was centered around sheriff candidates William Hill, John Sullivan, John Chamberlain and Sidney Luna. The main topic discussed was the question of the addition of sub-stations to provide maximum protection to taxpayers and how to most effectively deploy the available manpower.

The following morning, the club sponsored a breakfast at which Alan Cranston, State Controller, spoke.

The next meeting of the Conejo Valley Democratic Club will be Wednesday, May 9th, at Kover's Redwood Lodge, Thousand Oaks. All interested Democrats are invited to attend this meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Joe Jodoin

### Deadline

All copy for the next Ventura County Democrat must be sent to Dick Bean, 344 Mono Court, Ventura, by May 12th. Please submit all copy typewritten and double spaced.

### New Frontier Club News

The New Frontier Club will install its officers and receive its CDC Charter at a dinner meeting on May 29 at Portuguese Hall, 750 Wooly Road, Oxnard. President Tom Carvey of CDC is expected to present the charter. Members of all clubs and the Central Committee and all Democrats are invited. Tickets are \$1.50 each. Dinner time is 7:30 p.m. Contact Carlos Diaz, club President, at 539 South B Street, Oxnard (HU 6-6711 or HU 3-5071) for tickets or reservations. Plan to attend even if you cannot make the dinner.

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Louis Beattie ..... Treasurer

### The Real Difference

People who are not politically minded have asked me what the difference is between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. It would seem that we have a job to do if people still do not know the difference.

Basically, we must get it across to the general public that where the Republican Party stands for greed and the rights of a few to amass wealth at the expense of the many, the Democratic party stands for humanitarian principles. For a Democrat, humanity comes before property. The interest in the well-being of one's fellow man he takes as a prime responsibility.

What the Republicans have forgotten in their constant wail about losing their freedom is that one of the greatest inhibitors of freedom is found in economic deprivation. A person at the lower end of the economic scale can hardly be said to be free for there are few things which restrict one's freedom quite as much as the heavy hand of poverty. Freedom to starve and to be ill of health is no freedom.

I personally doubt that we have to provide tax loopholes for the wealthy. I think that they will somehow manage to survive. I am heartily in favor of a general tightening of the tax structure which has allowed 1% of our population to gain nearly 30% of our national wealth and cry out in greed for more.

It is the Democratic party which is looking out for the aged, the working man, and the children of our nation while the Republicans concern themselves with their imaginary spectre of not being able to get rich any more. I wonder how they think our country's more than 50,000 millionaires managed to acquire their holdings. Perhaps we Democrats can enlighten them. We might point out that our tax structure is so set up that actually our capital gains clauses and our tax concessions have provided a gigantic government soup kitchen at which the millionaires can soak up their bullion.

The Republicans evidently hope to convince our country of the plight of the millionaires. No doubt we shall soon hear a proposal that we start a new enterprise called "meals for millionaires".

**What is the difference between the parties?** Let us tell the people the Democrats stand for humanity.

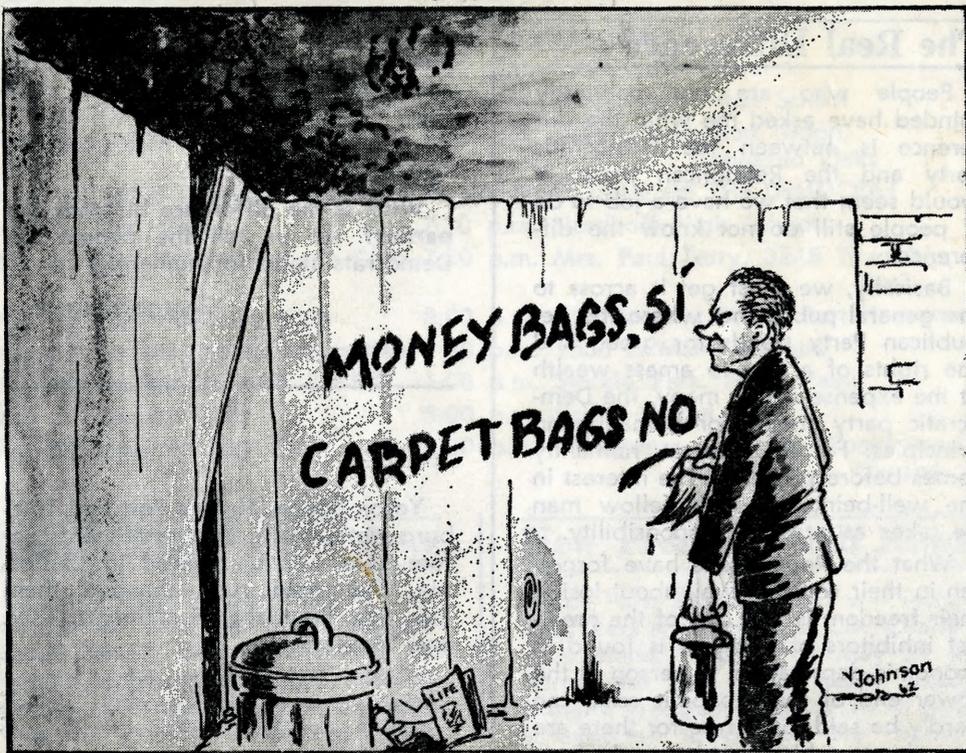
George Holgate

Yerba Buena, Sutter's Fort and Tuleburg were small, quiet settlements before gold was discovered in California. The gold rush changed them into San Francisco, Sacramento City, and Stockton.

### Democratic Firsts

During the past four years a 20 year, pay-as-you-go, 12,000 mile, \$10.5 billion freeway development system has been initiated. The first legislation to control auto engine exhaust, a major source of smog, has been passed. Repeat offenders who drive with suspended licenses are subject to mandatory jail sentences. The court now has the power to modify penalties in hardship cases involving traffic law violations. The California Highway Patrol has been enlarged. The 65 mile-per-hour maximum speed limit law has been introduced. Drivers' licenses are now issued on a uniform long term basis.

Out of every dollar spent from the general fund in the State Treasury. 61.8 cents are devoted to education. Of every dollar paid into that fund, 47.5 cents come from the sales tax.



## Women's Club

The Ventura County Democratic Women enjoyed a luncheon at the Los Posas County Club, April 14, 1962. The speaker for the afternoon was witty and wise, Dr. Frank Sullivan of Loyola University. An extremely exciting speech of prose, poetry and Democratic policy inspired us to keep working hard for an all Democratic administration.

Candidates for assembly, Les Maland and Burt Henson and candidates for Congress, Geo. Holgate and Vernon Johnson were introduced.

The next meeting of the Women's Club will be just after the June primary. We welcome all Democratic women to these luncheon meetings, call MI 2-4908 if you want more information on what the women are doing.

Can you help with precinct work, telephoning, pool watching, odd jobs, etc.? If so call Louva Lee Howard, MI 3-2819 or Headquarters, MI 3-7088.

Juanita Day

## Scholtz Names Committee

Mr. Walter Scholtz, Chairman of the Brown-for-Governor Committee of Ventura County, recently appointed the following persons to serve on this important committee:

Campaign Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Tolmach.

Honorary Vice-Chairmen: Marion R. Walker, Jerrold Loebel, B. F. McCormick, John H. Todd, Bruce Johnston, Russell Chambers, Carlos Levy, W. Ray Beene, Jack Gilbertson.

Finance Chairman, George Tibbets.  
Treasurer: James Basile.

Secretary: James A. Browning, Jr.  
Headquarters Chairman: Louis Beattie.

Publicity Chairman: Dana Marble.  
Attorneys Chairman: Al Blanford.

Speakers Chairman: David Drapeau.  
Women's Chairman: Mrs. Maxana Freie.

## To Fight Election Smears

Robert L. Shaw and Albert T. Blanford, Jr., Ventura attorneys, and James A. Browning, Jr., Oxnard attorney, were appointed recently to the Legal Advisory Committee of the California Democratic Council. Prominent attorneys throughout the state constitute this newly-formed statewide Democratic Party committee. The committee will be the Democratic Party's watchdog on election campaign smears and illegal election conduct. It will serve as legal counsel to obtain retractions of slanderous and libelous statements and for legal action, whenever necessary. Leon M. Cooper, Los Angeles attorney, is chairman of the CDC Committee.

These members will be available to answer your questions on elections procedures. Members of Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula and Simi Valley Clubs, and the Ventura County and Simi Valley Women's Clubs may contact Mr. Blanford and Mr. Shaw. Oxnard, New Frontier, Port Hueneme, Conejo Valley, and Camarillo Clubs may contact Mr. Browning.

Write or phone:

Alfred T. Blanford, 2408 East Main Street, Ventura, MI 3-6194 or (res.) MI 2-4837.

James A. Browning, 343 South B Street, Oxnard, HU 3-2386 or (res.) HU 6-8187.

Robert L. Shaw, 940 East Santa Clara, Ventura, MI 8-3091 or (res.) MI 2-3561.

Jim Basile, Representative  
13th Assembly District

## Camarillo Club News

The Camarillo Club held a "Meet the Candidates Night" at its April meeting. Congressional Democratic candidates George Holgate, Oxnard, and Vernon Johnson, Santa Barbara, and Assembly Democratic candidates Les Maland, Santa Paula, and Burt Henson, Ventura, were introduced. Each candidate spoke briefly and then answered questions. The affair proved very interesting and informative.

## Santa Paula Club News

Santa Paula Democratic Club is pleased to announce it now has 141 money-in-the-hand paid up members. When we ever get time to have a membership drive we hope to have the second largest club in the county.

Our May 8 meeting will be held at the Santa Paula High School Cafeteria at 8 p.m. All candidates running for everything (except sheriff, we've already had them) have been invited and are responding. These are the people we have invited to meet the voters in the 4th supervisorial district:

### NON-PARTISAN

Mr. Harvey Boller, Ventura County Assessor.

Mr. Raymond Walker, Ventura County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Mr. Clark Gray, Ventura County Auditor.

Mr. Dean Triggs, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Bob Hamm, Ventura County Clerk-Recorder.

### Judge Superior Court

Judge Perry Churchill, Ventura.  
Judge William Reppy, Oxnard.

### Supervisors, 4th District

Fred Ireland, Incumbent.  
Max Rudolph, Santa Paula  
Hal Smallwood, Santa Paula.

### Coroner

John Fay, Ventura  
Pat Sullivan, Ventura

### District Attorney

Woodruff Deem.

### PARTISAN

George Holgate, Oxnard  
Vernon O. Johnson, Santa Barbara.  
(Congressional)

### Assembly, 37th District

Les Maland, Endorsed Candidate.  
Burt Henson, Ventura.

Everyone from every area is always invited to our meetings and to stay and have refreshments with us.

June Maland, President

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## **GOP Sinking Fast**

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Political blunders and backfiring gimmicks plagued the GOP the past month. Actions by GOP state legislators and Nixon reeked with irresponsibility and obstructionism. Herbert L. Phillips, Sacramento reporter for the McClatchy Newspapers service, summarized GOP actions during the budget session as "political firsts . . . in the state legislature".

\*Never before in California history has a general budget for the support of the state government been killed on a straight party line vote. (The budget was passed by the Senate but was killed by the votes of 33 Assemblymen—every GOPer except one.) The Governor was forced to hold the Legislature over to complete its budget work with a cost believed to be \$7000 per day.

\*Never before has a political figure of the stature of Nixon been scolded by the state assembly in an official action. This, of course, was in connection with Nixon's "carpetbagger" remarks when the President was in California to receive an honorary degree from the University of California.

\*Never before have the lower house GOPers voted to kill a state Veterans Farm and Home Purchase Bond Act, involving a state loan program inaugurated under a Republican administration 40 years ago. However, it was resurrected and passed the Assembly. (At the time of this printing the fate of Assembly Bill 51 was unknown.)

\*Never before have all state bond issues—\$970 million for schools, state construction, veterans, parks and rental housing for the aged—been proposed in an interhouse compromise plan for submission to the voters at the June primary election. Ordinarily state bonds are placed on the November ballot. The early ballot will aid schools to accelerate planning and construction.

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## **Hilton Names Committee**

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Mr. Harold L. Hilton, Oxnard, Chairman of the Betts for Treasurer Committee of Ventura County recently announced the following as members of this committee: Camarillo — John Rush and Helen Peteler; Ventura—David English, Jack Freie, and Harold Crosby; Oakview—Charles Hill. Additional members to represent other areas of the County will be appointed soon.

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## **Walker Names Committee**

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Mr. Marion R. Walker, Ventura, Chairman of the Cranston for Controller Committee of Ventura County, recently appointed the following persons to his committee:

Delphine McKenzie—Co-Chairman.

Margaret Marble—Women's Chairman.

Harry Van Delinder—Treasurer.

Ronald Benner—Labor Coordinator.

Robert Shaw—1st District Chairman.

George Wagner—2nd District Chairman.

Delphine McKenzie — 3rd District Chairman.

James Browning—4th District Chairman.

Russell Chambers — 5th District Chairman.

Mrs. Jane Tolmach — Honorary Chairman.

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## **The Democratic Party**

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In 1948, while whistlestopping across the country in the Presidential campaign of that year, Harry S. Truman was asked to state the fundamental creed of the Democratic Party. In plain words, he replied: "The Democratic Party is the people's party. It is dedicated to serving all the people and not just the special interests of the few. The record of the Democratic Party is blazed across the face of the nation in a story of a better, healthier, happier life for the common people of America."

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## Seventh Crisis?

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Two of Nixon's notorious Six Crises have proven duds. He charged the President with misusing confidential data when the President advocated intervention in Cuba during the great debates. Former Central Intelligence Agency director Dulles backed the President's denial of the charge. The President was not briefed that the Eisenhower administration had been supporting, assisting, and training Cuban exiles for a Cuban invasion until after he had been elected President and had gone to Palm Beach to plan his administration.

Recently Joe Shell, Nixon's GOP foe for the Republican nomination, charged Nixon made a 'colossal' error in his book and then hid behind an unidentified spokesman when the error was exposed. The error was Nixon's statement that a federal bureau of investigation agent found the typewriter of Alger Hiss which Hiss himself produced. Said Shell: "This is no time to nominate a man whose spokesman says he is so careless with his facts he cannot relate with accuracy a vital point in his advance up the political ladder." Shell asked: "Who is this spokesman for my opponent who continually attempts to explain away his mistakes? I believe the voters have a right to know whether or not the spokesman is, in fact, my opponent (Nixon) himself . . . Can he not step forth and speak for himself?"

Rumor has it that a sequel is being written. Its title will be: "My Seventh Crisis—Ghost Writers In The Sky."

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Have you any notion of the number of cigarettes that were smoked in California last year? A conservative estimate puts the figure at 40 billion. Cigarette taxes were introduced in California by the 1959 legislature as a means of balancing the budget. This tax ranks sixth as a state revenue source.

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## Special Tribute For Rex

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On April 2, 1962 the California State Assembly paid tribute to Assemblyman Rex M. Cunningham by unanimous adoption of House Resolution No. 111, which, in part, stated . . .

"Rex Cunningham has during his eight years as an Assemblyman authored numerous legislative measures of great importance and lasting benefits to the people of this State and his District notable examples of which are his bills regulating the operation, equipment, and registration of vessels, and aiding in the prevention and rehabilitation of narcotic addiction."

Rex, in his four terms in the Assembly, had a voting record of which we can all be proud. He has accomplished many things, not the least of which are the Pierpont Beach groins soon to be constructed.

We, too, would like to pay tribute to Rex for his service to Ventura County through the years. Rex has served as Central Committee Chairman, as well as being a charter member of the Ventura County Democratic Club. He has been active in civic affairs since the end of his military duty during World War II.

It is difficult to measure the value of the service that he has done for Ventura County in his years of civic activity. However, we can say that we are grateful for his service, not only to the County but also to the Democratic party.

We would like to congratulate him on his new appointment as Regional Controller of the Division of Accounts in Seattle, Washington for the United States Post Office Department, a job we know Rex will do well. We are as sorry to see him leave the County as we know he is sorry to leave, but we hope he enjoys the weather and the World's Fair.

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## 13th District Report

The weekend of April 6-8 was a busy and stimulating one for me as your CDC Director and Jim Basile, your 37th Assembly District Representative. We attended the California Democratic Council Board of Director's meeting in Fresno. The agenda was crammed. Every problem and item received weighty consideration.

On Friday night, the Board decided to increase the members-at-large on the Executive Committee from three to four. A spirited election was held to fill the vacancies. Standing committees were formed and chairmen were selected.

Saturday morning was devoted to a consideration of resolutions which the state-wide convention had not had time to pass, reject, or amend. Lunch time found us less than half-way through. Further consideration and action was left until the next day.

Ratification of endorsements made by local CDC councils was taken up immediately after lunch. In most districts there were no problems. Los Angeles County had enough contested endorsements to suit anyone's desire for hot debate. Directors were bombarded with lengthy tracts supporting various candidates and were buttonholed by lobbyists for the can-

didates. It is a tribute to the Directors that, although the losers were disappointed, they were not bitter and felt that the Board acted fairly.

Although adjournment had been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Sunday, there were many items, including the budget, that kept the Board busy until late in the afternoon. One special item of business was a decision to hold the October Board meeting in Santa Barbara.

These meetings are open to all Democrats. If any readers want to see a hard-working group in action, save the first weekend of October and attend these sessions.

Nina Maurer  
CDC Director

The Fair Employment Practices Commission insures equal work opportunities for all regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Race discrimination has been outlawed in restaurants, other public accommodations, and publicly-assisted housing. Discrimination because of age is banned.

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