

NO ON PROPOSITION 22

Assembly Committee Hearings

FRAUD ON PROP. 22 EXPOSED

CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS PROMISED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

LOS ANGELES, California -- Taking testimony from a number of prominent state and county officials, including California Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and Los Angeles District Attorney Joseph P. Busch, an Assembly Committee has uncovered widespread fraud in the certification of Proposition 22 for the November 7 ballot.

The Farm Bureau and other agribusiness interests have admitted spending over \$240,000 in placing the measure on the ballot, and expect to spend even more in advertising during the closing weeks of the campaign.

Illegal use of minors to secure signatures, use of "dodger" cards and gross misrepresentation of fact were among the tactics exposed during hearings of the Assembly Committee on Elections and Reapportionment in Los Angeles October 12.

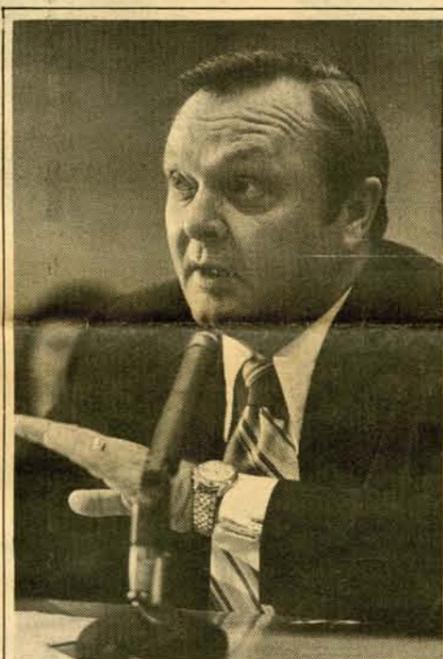
The most dramatic testimony during the day came from Secretary of State Edmund Brown, who earlier made an unsuccessful attempt to have Proposition 22 removed from the ballot because of the fraud he had uncovered.

Brown showed the Committee NBC and CBS film clips of Robert Walters of American Advertising and Sales, one of several public relations firms paid to gain certification for Proposition 22, demonstrating how he had instructed signature-gatherers to use a printed "dodger card" to cover up the official description of the Proposition on its petitions.

Brown also had a number of people in the audience come forward to tell the Committee how they had been deceived into either signing the petitions for the measure or gathering signatures for it.

kers." "It is very embarrassing to have to admit this," said Verner, "especially with my very strong feelings on the subject."

Brown had several other witnesses available in the audience, and read from numerous letters and affidavits citing deception similar to that experienced by the



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Hans and Rabbi Verner.

In his testimony Los Angeles County District Attorney Joseph P. Busch singled out the big-money interests behind Proposition 22 severely, saying "If you have enough money, you can get anything on the ballot."

Busch recommended the elimination of paid signature gatherers, saying that the rate of invalid and fraudulent signatures from paid gatherers was much higher than from unpaid.

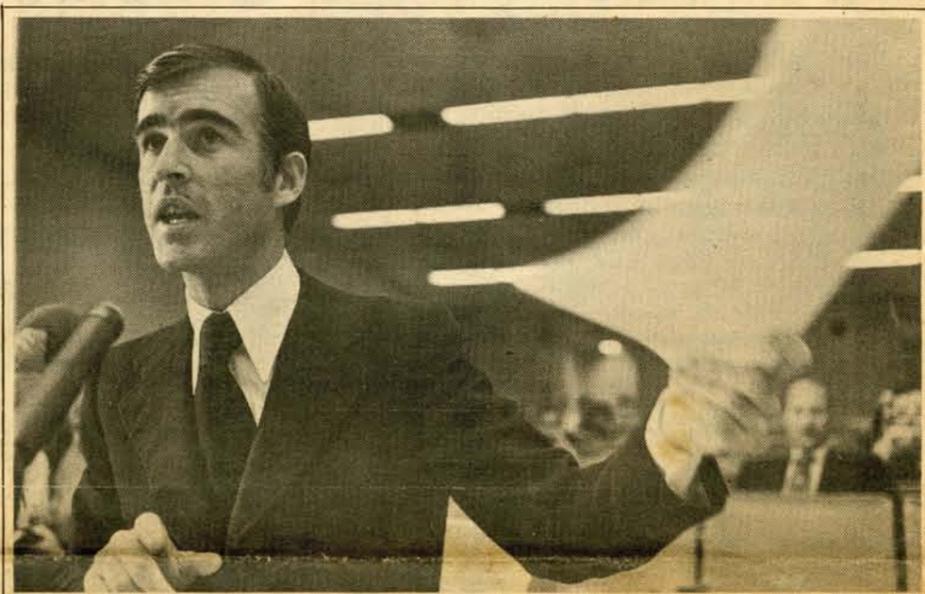
Busch said that the rate of invalid signatures on Proposition 22 was among the highest at 37%, and that many of those invalid signatures were forgeries or otherwise fraudulent. Such fraud is a crime under California law, and Busch said that he expected his investigations to result in criminal indictments.

Even Committee members gave examples of the fraudulent handling of Proposition 22.

Committee chairman and Assemblyman Henry A. Waxman (D. - Los Angeles) told of being asked to sign a petition on the advice that it would "lower food prices" and "help farm workers." Only by persistent questioning was he able to read the true Proposition statement under the dodger card, whereupon he refused to sign.

Assemblyman Leon Ralph of Watts was told how Chicanos had been paid to circulate the petition in his district, noting that a Black person would automatically assume that a petition circulated by a Chicano would be favorable to farm workers.

And Speaker of the California Assembly Bob Moretti, also a member of the Committee, noted that those initiatives with heavy promotion from public relations firms have traditionally involved the most deception and fraud.



Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown, Jr. reads several affidavits to the Assembly Committee demonstrating that Proposition 22 had been fraudulently qualified for the November 7 ballot.

Los Angeles Times

Fri., Sept. 15, 1972

Brown Sues to Remove Farm Ballot Measure

Calls Drive for Signatures Worst Case of Election Fraud to Be Uncovered in State

BY WILLIAM ENDICOTT

Times Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO — Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. filed suit Thursday in Sacramento Superior Court to remove a controversial farm labor initiative from the November general election ballot.

He said more than 63,036 signatures on petitions to qualify the measure for the ballot "were obtained as a result of fraudulent and misleading representations made to

signers."

Brown called it the "worst case of election fraud to ever be uncovered in California."

Brown's action stemmed from investigations by his office and district attorneys in 10 counties.

He said he had received approximately 3,000 letters and signed statements from persons who said they signed petitions under false pretenses.

Who's Behind the Fraud?

The Fair Labor Practices Committee, a front group for agribusiness interests in the state of California spent more than \$240,000 to qualify Proposition 22 for the ballot on November 7 and intends to spend over \$600,000 more to get it past the voters. This committee hired the public relations firms Alan Blanchard & Associates and American Advertising and Sales to collect the signatures needed to qualify the initiative.

Where did the Fair Labor Practices Committee get the money to hire these firms? The following is a partial list of those who made the largest contributions to finance the Fair Labor Practices Committee so far:

California Agricultural Conf	\$63,000
Dried Fruit Assn.	\$30,000
Allied Grape Growers	\$23,741
Am. Dehydrated Onion & Garlic	\$10,000
Southern Pacific Tran.	\$10,000
Calcot Limited	\$10,000
California Farm Bureau	\$10,000
Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc.	\$10,000
Associated Dairymen	\$5,000
Tri Valley Growers	\$5,000
California Cannery & Growers	\$5,000
Sonoma-Marin Dairymen	\$5,000
Hunt Wesson Foods, Inc.	\$3,000
Seaboard Lemon Assn.	\$3,373
Villa Park Orchards Assn.	\$2,894
Oxnard Santa Clara Lemon Assn.	\$2,778
Calavo Growers	\$2,594



Fifteen year old John Ham and his mother, Mrs. Grace Ham, tell the Committee how they were tricked into gathering signatures for Proposition 22.

Fifteen-year-old John Ham of Norwalk testified under oath that he had been paid eighteen cents a name to gather signatures for the proposition by a public relations firm. His mother, Mrs. Grace Ham, then told the Committee that she had been required to come to the firm's office to sign the petition as the official signature gatherer in order for John to be paid.

Both acts--the gathering of signatures for an initiative by a minor, and the certifying of those signatures by someone other than the gatherer--are illegal under California law and subject to criminal penalties. John and Mrs. Ham told the Committee they were unaware of this illegality at the time John was employed by the firm, and that they had voluntarily come forward to give their testimony when they had learned of it.

Brown also called on Rabbi David Verner of UCLA, who told the Committee he had been persuaded to sign the petition after being told that it was "to help farm wor-

SACRAMENTO REPORT

Prop. 22... And What It Can "Un-Do"

By Vern Cannon
Legislative Representative

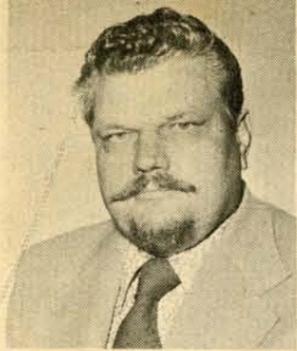
One of these issues, Proposition 22, the so-called Agricultural Labor Relations Act, is by far the most controversial and worst labor legislation ever proposed in California.

What does it do? Better yet, what does it un-do. Should it garner a majority of the vote, Proposition 22 would completely frus-

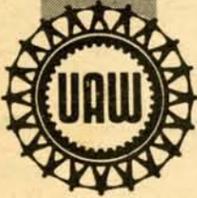
trate the farm worker's efforts to secure any of the organizing collective bargaining rights enjoyed by other workers. It would be illegal for any citizen to notify the public of the boycott of a product. A worker would not be able to vote in more than one election in year's time; he would have to be employed for 100 days to be eligible to vote. No more temporary workers than permanent workers could participate in an election. Strikes could be stopped for sixty

days at the employer's request, thus thoroughly eliminating economic action.

In convention, delegates to the California Teamsters Legislative Council recommended a "Vote No" position. Every effort will be made to advise Teamster members of this position and the contents of this bad proposition. It'll be a battle against hundreds of thousands of agricultural dollars.



United Auto Workers Region 6 Director Jerry Whipple is among the leading unionists in California urging a "NO" vote on Proposition 22.



AFL-CIO News

AFL-CIO NEWS, WASHINGTON, D. C., AUGUST 26, 1972

California Labor Battles New Move To Hamstring Farm Workers Union

Los Angeles—California labor pledged an all-out fight for support of the United Farm Workers against a November election initiative that threatens the survival of the fledgling union.

The latest campaign to be waged in behalf of the UFW emerged here at the ninth biennial convention of the California state AFL-CIO.

The target is Proposition 22, the Agricultural Labor Relations initiative, which if passed would outlaw specified types of strikes, picketing and boycotts in the farm industry. Among other anti-labor measures it would create a board with power to certify organizations as bargaining representatives, conduct elections and prevent "unfair" labor practices.

John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the state federation, announced formation of a United Labor Committee to battle the proposal during an appearance of UFW Director Cesar Chavez at the convention.

Henning named Chavez as his co-chairman to head the United Labor Committee to defeat the initiative and said the organization will encompass Teamster, Auto Workers and Longshoremen as well as AFL-CIO unions. He received unanimous approval from the delegates for an immediate \$10,000 contribution from the state federa-



John Henning, Exec. Secretary-Treasurer of the California State AFL-CIO, (right), and rest of delegates to the recent State AFL-CIO Convention pledged their full support to Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in the campaign to defeat Proposition 22.

tion with the provision that more funds will be made available as necessary.

Henning told the delegates that

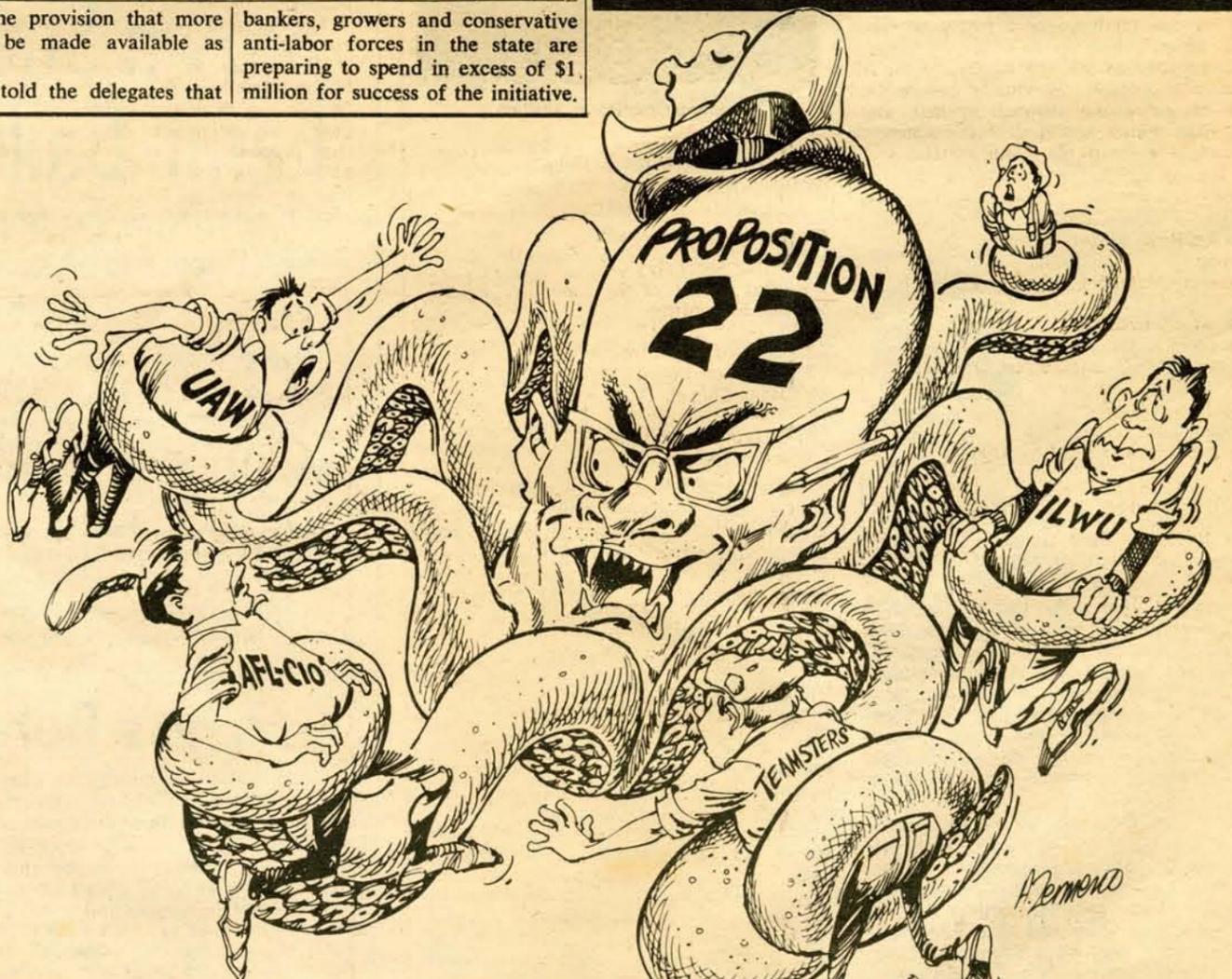
bankers, growers and conservative anti-labor forces in the state are preparing to spend in excess of \$1 million for success of the initiative.



Photo: Luis Carballar



James Herman, President of Ships Clerks Local 34 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, asks 3,000 trade unionists to vote "NO" on Proposition 22 at a rally in San Francisco September 30.



Proposition 22 NO X

State's Bishops Oppose Proposition 22

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Catholic bishops of California have asked voters to reject Proposition 22, a November ballot proposal to restrict unionizing activities of farm laborers and outlaw secondary boycotts of agricultural products.

The proposal is supported by large agricultural interests and opposed by unions, most notably Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers Union. The UFW's current lettuce boycott would be crippled by the law.

CALLING THEIR OPPOSITION to Proposition 22 a matter of "conscience," the California bishops declared:

"It is our conclusion that this proposed act deviates so widely from a just and equitable approach to settling agricultural labor problems that, if adopted, it would undoubtedly create far more serious tensions and difficulties than it attempts to solve."

The statement by the California bishops took exception to claims by proponents of the bill that it followed National Labor Relations Act guidelines. "Although publicized as following closely the terms of the

National Labor Relations Act," said the bishops, "the provisions of Proposition 22 actually deprive or restrict the (present) rights of the state's farm workers."

The bishops outlined several of their specific objections to the proposition:

- "The election criteria and procedures proposed in the initiative so restrict the farm workers' freedom choosing to join a union that they must be declared in direct opposition to the basic right of free choice."

- "The criteria for worker eligibility are so worded as to deny the vast majority of farm workers the right to vote."

- "The proposed act grants to the employers management rights which make it virtually impossible for the farm workers to negotiate many issues affecting their basic working conditions."

- "The basic right of workers to strike is so conditioned by the act as to render this right meaningless."

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Catholic Bishops Who Oppose Proposition 22



Archbishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles



Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco

The Most Rev. Joseph T. McGucken, Archbishop of San Francisco

The Most Rev. Timothy Manning, Archbishop of Los Angeles

The Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, Bishop of Oakland

The Most Rev. Hugh A. Donohoe, Bishop of Fresno

The Most Rev. Merlin J. Guilfoyle, Bishop of Stockton

The Most Rev. Alden J. Bell, Bishop of Sacramento

The Most Rev. Harry A. Clinch, Bishop of Monterey

The Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, Bishop of San Diego

The Most Rev. John J. Ward, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

The Most Rev. Williams J. McDonald, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco

The Most Rev. Mark J. Hurley, Bishop of Santa Rosa

The Most Rev. Norman F. McFarland, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco

The Most Rev. Juan A. Arzube, Auxiliary of Los Angeles

The Most Rev. William R. Johnson, Auxiliary of Los Angeles

Proposition 22 Opposed by Inter-Faith Group

We are morally bound to express our shock and consternation upon reading Proposition 22. This is the initiative called an "Agricultural Labor Relations Act" on which the people of California will vote on November 7. Its sponsors suggest that it will give all farm workers a chance to vote for union representation, and will bring low prices to consumers and peace to the fields. We hope voters will read the Act itself and learn the truth about it.

The injustice which Proposition 22 would bring to thousands of farm workers must rouse the righteous indignation of all who under God are concerned for people. Instead of free elections, only a very limited number could ever vote for their union representation. Strikes and boycotts would be effectively eliminated. The union movement would be crippled. The only non-violent means of action left to the farm workers would be taken from them.

Committed as we are to justice for all men and women, we cannot before God fail to raise our voices against any initiative which would dim the hopes of thousands in the fields of our state.

Signed

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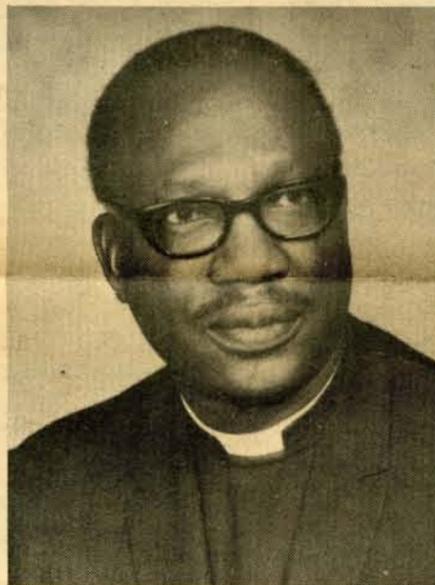
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General Missioner
Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Most Rev. Juan Arzube
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles
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Dr. W. Sherman Skinner



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Presiding Elder
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South Rocky Mountains District

Board of Rabbis Votes Unanimously to Oppose Proposition 22

LOS ANGELES, California -- The Board of Rabbis of Southern California voted unanimously September 11 to oppose Proposition 22 and called for an investigation of the charges of fraud and deception against the groups who collected the signatures to put the initiative on the ballot November 7.

The Board of Rabbis issued the following statement:

"As rabbis, we are committed to the biblical talmudic injunction to share concern for the rights of the laborer and to safeguard his economic and social welfare. Our prophetic and halachic heritage summons us to manifest at all times a high regard for individual freedom and dignity and for the establishment of love and righteousness in human affairs.

We therefore wish to express our opposition to Proposition 22 on the November 1972 ballot which would seriously restrict the agricultural workers of this state in their right to strike and boycott and to participate in proper union representation elections. We call upon the members of our congregations to make careful study of the implications of this proposition and to defeat it on November 7, 1972.

We are also seriously disturbed over the manner in which Proposition 22 was placed on the ballot and urge our elected officials to investigate the charges of fraud and deception that have been raised against the groups that collected signatures for the initiative.

★ Los Angeles Times Sat., Sept. 9, 1972

Church Group Opposes Farm Worker Initiative

The general board of the Southern California Council of Churches has voted unanimously to oppose Proposition 22, the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which will appear on California ballots in November.

"It is unfair to farm workers in that it cripples their rights to strike and boycott, and excludes most migrants and seasonal farm workers from union representation elections," the board said in a meeting this week.

The board called on its dozen member denominations to study carefully the contents of Proposi-

tion 22 prior to election day, Nov. 7.

Board members also said they shared the concern of some elected officials as to the way in which Proposition 22 was placed on the ballot through the initiative procedure...



Rev. Priscilla A. Chaplin
Southern California Council of Churches

Citizens Against Proposition 22

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California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
All county central labor council 1s
International Longshoremen and
Warehousemen's Union
United Auto Workers, Region 6
Western Conference of Teamsters

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Southern California Council of Churches
Northern California Ecumenical Council
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Christian Churches
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Universalist Church
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Arizona Conference, United Methodist
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Los Angeles
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1972 National Democratic Platform
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Dennis Weaver
Robert Culp
Kris Kristofferson
Seymour Cassel
Shelly Winters
Fred Zinneman
Joan Baez
Warren Beatty
John Lennon and Yoko Ono
Paul Mazursky
Jack Nicholson
Paul Simon
Smothers Brothers

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Senator Alan Cranston
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State Senator Anthony Belinson
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State Senator Milton Marks
State Senator Alfred E. Alquist
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State Senator Walter Stiern
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(Chairman, Rules Committee)
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Los Angeles Times

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16, 1972

NO on Farm Labor Proposition 22

As California moves into the decade of the '70s maintaining and improving its position as the leading agricultural state in the nation, the need for legislation to bring stability to farm labor relations becomes increasingly apparent.

No state or federal labor legislation covers farm workers now. Unions, chiefly Cesar Chavez' AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Union, organize as best they can by strikes and boycotts. Neither grower nor worker has the protection of law to delineate the rights and define the responsibilities of each.

Good farm legislation would strike a balance between the interests of farm owner and farm laborer to the end that California agriculture as a whole would continue to prosper. Such legislation would have to make special provision for the special conditions of farm economics and farm work; both grower and laborer are extraordinarily vulnerable to economic pressure at harvest time.

Proposition 22 on the November ballot, an Agricultural Labor Relations Act, purports to bring order from chaos on the California farm. Unfortunately it would not.

It would provoke, not prevent, conflict on the farms. It would retard, not encourage, the passage of national farm labor legislation, which would put

California farmers on an equal footing with producers in other states.

Proposition 22 is unfair, because it would disfranchise most farm workers and prevent the establishment of freely chosen representative unions. It would leave growers practically immune to more economic pressure. It would make it virtually impossible for workers to negotiate basic working conditions.

The 7,000-word initiative is opposed by the Council of Churches of Northern and Southern California, the Southern California Board of Rabbis and the Roman Catholic Bishops of California. Moving into a void left by state and federal law, the bishops have for several years mediated between grower and worker. The bishops have said the initiative violates the "bedrock social doctrine" of their church.

It can fairly be said that Proposition 22 violates also the bedrock social doctrine of American labor law, which tries to reach an equitable balance between employer and employe in consonance with the good of the nation. Proposition 22 would not solve present difficulties but create new ones. It is not a step forward but a step backward. We urge a No vote on Proposition 22.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERFAITH COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE FOR FARM WORKERS

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