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## BURKE GIVES OPINIONS ON 25 STATE PROPOSITIONS

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gainful employment to get the pensions. You won't help matters by helping a man live on pension money or declare under oath that he won't hire anyone else. A man—any man, young or old—wants a job, wants to work. In addition to that, the proposed act is an injustice to every public worker who has no way to protect himself."

**Result of Much Study**  
In his brief appearance, Candidate Hix traced the history of American freedom of thought, speech and acts from the Magna Charta of the 13th century to the adoption of the U. S. Constitution 151 years ago. He urged all Americans to keep the ideals of their forefathers ever before them and allow nothing to interfere with national pride and allegiance.

Hix's talk was warmly received. Instead of the usual political harangue, he devoted his time to a stirring review of what made America the nation it is today. At no time did he mention his candidacy or speak about the coming election.

Burke started his review of the propositions by stating that he could not refrain from offering his personal reactions to the measures but "you can take my observations or leave them—I don't ask you to accept them but I must tell you they have been founded on considerable study of all issues involved." Briefly, his consensus of the Nov. 8 initiatives were as follows:

**No. 1—Labor Picketing:** "A hot controversial subject. Reads very good but when you strip it of things already covered by law

in regard to lawful assembly, sedition and what-not it governs the right to picket. From a disinterested viewpoint, legislation never moves down a middle course. It swings sharply to one side or the other—and this measure, I believe, hamstringing the right of labor to protect itself by its only real effective weapon—the right to strike and picket."

**No. 2—Regulation of Dog Pounds:** "An anti-vivisection measure to which universities, medical groups and doctors are opposed because it would seriously retard medical science. I'd rather a doctor trained on the bodies of dogs already doomed to be destroyed rather than on humans."

**No. 3—Gas Tax Diversion:** "Preserves the gas tax for the exclusive maintenance and improvement of highways, allows no by-passing of funds."

**No. 4—New Highway and Traffic Commission:** "The present commission is unpaid. This would create five jobs, at \$6,000 a year each. It has found little support and students of government say it is all wrong to create this new body to do the work already being done without cost to the taxpayers."

**No. 5—Fishing Control:** "Seeks a means to eliminate off-shore sardine reduction plants which are driving the game fish out of California waters. I am in favor of this measure and would eliminate such plants."

**No. 6—Taxation of Insurance Companies:** "A very technical subject. The state now gets a gross receipts tax but insurance companies can spread out their policies among out-of-state companies and thus escape a sizable portion of the levy. I believe this measure is a sound one."

**No. 7—Relief Administration:** "Permits coordination of the State Relief Administration (SRA) and the Department of Social Welfare. A good proposal."

**No. 8—Apportionment of Funds to Cities:** "You people here in Torrance are concerned with this one. At the present time, the state has strings attached to any taxes, such as our 'in lieu' auto tax, collected by the state and cities are limited to the expenditure of these funds. The trend toward central collection of taxes is growing and this measure would permit cities to use funds collected in their behalf by the state for any purpose the local government desires. I ask for a 'Yes' vote on this one."

**No. 9—Veterans' Tax Exemption:** "I have no recommendation to give on this one. The veterans are asking that their \$1,000 exemption include the 'in lieu' auto tax now collected by the state."

**No. 10—Oil Leases on State-**

Owned Tidelands: "Concerns only Huntington Beach properties and both sides are filled with a lot of 'holium.' I think its a fight between one group of oil companies—the ins—and another group—the outs—who want a chance to tap oil land. I have no recommendation."

**No. 11—State Board of Equalization:** "Removes the state controller from the board and creates a new district for Los Angeles county alone. It has not received wide support in this county as you would suppose it would. The measure is not very carefully drawn and leaves Ventura and Imperial counties in a hodge-podge district."

**No. 12—San Francisco Exposition:** "Would encourage exhibitors of fine works of art to bring their property to the exposition because they would not be taxed. The state has already contributed five million dollars toward the fair and this would probably mean a show of even greater interest. Presumably the measure is sound."

**No. 13—Revenue Bond Act:** "A referendum on the Garrison Revenue Bond act passed by the 1937 legislature. The utilities are opposed to it, fearing the loss of profitable customers if public works are encouraged by the freedom allowed in passing revenue bonds by a majority instead of two-thirds majority. I want to call your attention to the fact that this measure applies only to revenue bonds which are not a lien on property but only on the utility system's revenues. I think the principle is sound. Without revenue bonds we would not have had the San Francisco Bridges or the Boulder Dam. I personally believe it would be a mistake for people to vote against this measure as a defeat would kill a splendid chance for advancement of publicly-owned utilities for 10 years to come. Forty-seven states now permit their issuance."

**No. 14, 15 and 16—Pertaining to Judges:** "Their Retirement, Judicial Council: 'All of these are sound propositions with no serious opposition.'"

**No. 17—Senate Constitutional Amendment:** "This is another technical measure. The Secretary of State wants 120 instead of 90 days to check initiative petitions. It deserves support."

**No. 18—Deposit of State Funds:** "Means to take state funds which are not earning interest and put them to work helping bear the tax load. I'm in favor of it."

**No. 19—Lending or Gift of Public Money:** "There's a controversy over whether or not there is a surplus in the veterans' farm and home building fund. Taxpayers' groups hold these funds should be held intact and

not distributed before the present expiration date of 1956. If there is a surplus then the veterans will share it but why endanger it now?"

**No. 20—Single Tax:** "We've had this proposition before us a number of times in the past, it has always been defeated because it is supported by a trust fund for its promotion. Fundamentally it eliminates private ownership of land. It's the old Henry George single tax, sugar-coated this time with the bait of repealing the sales tax. But we do not have to have a constitutional amendment to repeal the sales tax—that can be done at any time by the state legislature. The sales tax supports our schools, therefore we should retain it. The single tax hits at a time-honored American principle—that of private ownership and this proposition is one of the most vicious pieces of legislation on the entire ballot. I urge you to vote 'No' on it."

**No. 21—Church, Orphanages and College Tax Exemptions:** "These properties are already assessed extremely low by county assessors who have long winked at the law to help these institutions out. So really, their taxes don't amount to much even under the present law. If you want your county assessor to live up to the letter of the law and still help these institutions you should vote for this proposition."

**No. 22—City Charters:** "This is of no concern to Torrance voters because you are not operating your city under a charter. It is technically acceptable."

**No. 23—Legislative Help:** "This would allow the legislature more expense money and while some legislators are in favor of it, others are strongly against it and you'll probably vote against it anyway."

**No. 24—Leasing State-Owned Tidelands:** "Skip it. You can pass this one up because no matter how you vote on it, the tallies won't count because the measure attempts to amend a bill already eliminated in the last session of the legislature. But the author of the proposition recommends you vote against it anyway."

### Heart Fails Aged Resident at Close of Frolic Event

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David Hagan and Mrs. Ashton of this city.

Interment in Ohio  
Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Stone and Myers' chapel with Rev. Harry G. Banks of the First Methodist church officiating. The chapel was banked with floral tributes from Mr. Williams' many friends here and elsewhere in the Southland. The body was shipped Tuesday night to Martins Ferry, Ohio, accompanied by Peter Gilmer of Redondo Beach, a lifelong friend of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Sergeant Ernest Ashton, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Wil-

### Toy Drive for Loan Libraries Opens Nov. 21

Residents of this city are asked by the Coordinating Council to assist in the county-wide drive for children's toys to increase the supply of playthings available to youngsters at the Toy Loan Library here and in other cities. The drive will begin Nov. 21 and continue thru the Thanksgiving season.

During the past year 32 Toy Loan branches have come into being and all have contributed much to children who, for one reason or another, do not have playthings or who wish to obtain different ones at no expense to their parents. All school children should find great satisfaction in giving one or more of their used toys to the Toy Loan Library so that some other youngster who does not have playthings will be made happy. Contributions will be gratefully received at the Toy Loan Library on El Prado here.

### Building Total Is \$2,875,203

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to cost \$3,500. I. E. Allen is re-roofing and making alterations at the 1019 Portola residence, \$250; Ryan G. Wiseman added a Neon sign to the new service station at 1924 Carson, \$100, and the Higgins Brick company is erecting a shelter, costing \$1,000, over the patio at the office, 2501 174th.

A. Schatz is building a five-room frame house and double garage at 1419 Acacia, \$4,200; the D & M Machine Works is building a one-story brick machine shop adjoining its plant at 2304 Abalone, \$2,000; Nick Mouzakis is adding a bathroom and kitchen to a house in the rear of 2313 Border, \$100; W. O. Putnam is erecting an addition to a garage at 2414 Torrance boulevard, \$100, and Sylvia Fink, who recently purchased the El Prado apartment block is having a partition wall installed in the lobby for additional room. This job is costing \$100.

### TORRANCE RATES HIGH IN INCREASE

Following are the building percentage increases that leading cities and communities of Los Angeles county showed for September, 1937, according to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce bulletin just received by the Torrance Chamber:

El Segundo	13.453 percent
Bell	1.216 percent
El Monte	.579 percent
San Pedro	.361 percent
Inglewood	.260 percent
<b>TORRANCE</b>	<b>.228 percent</b>
Long Beach	.189 percent
Lynwood	.128 percent
La Verne	.123 percent
Whittier	.102 percent
Aradida	.102 percent

The L. A. Publication states: "While some argument is put forth that the spasmodic fluctuation of the valuation of building permits is a poor indicator of business, yet building activity means an actual flow of money which finds its way into many channels of economic activity, other than construction."

Son's Body in Father's Net  
ROME (U.P.)—When a Cagliari fisherman pulled in his net recently he found the body of his 12-year-old son. The boy had been on the way down to the shore to his father's boat when he was drowned.

Williams and Charles Williams, left Tuesday afternoon to drive back to the Ohio city for the services and interment there, scheduled for Monday.

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### Don't be FOOLED!

Although masquerading under the Democratic label, Olson, Patterson, Downey and Geyer are enemies of good government and Democratic principles as we understand them. We urge you to keep our state out of the hands of radicals and "crackpots" by voting for

## MERRIAM AND FRANKLIN BANCROFT AND HIX

THOUSANDS OF Democrats and independent voters are joining us daily—since the organization of the Good Government Democrats of California—in our effort to preserve sanity and sound policies in our state government.

Prominent in this move to repudiate the radical leaders are such lifelong Democrats and believers in liberal government as Harold English, Jefferson P. Chandler, Mrs. Eleanor Banning Macfarland, Irvin S. Cobb, Leo Carrillo, Joseph Mesmer, Sam M. Haskins, Victory M. Reid, Robert P. Casey, and many others.

As Irvin S. Cobb, the well known author, recently wrote Governor Merriam: "Four years ago when I was newly arrived in these parts, it gave me pleasure to support you for governorship of this poor fetish-ridden, fad-plagued state of California. I have never

regretted it. You brought sanity, honesty and good intent to the job in hand.

"This coming November I expect to derive a patriotic gratification in voting for your re-election against the combination of C. Olson of Los Angeles and T. Mooney of San Quentin."

Olson and Patterson, openly endorsed by the Communist Party of California, are attempting to use the Democratic Party label to their own ends. They secured the nomination largely through openly favoring the "30-Every-Thursdays" scheme which has been denounced by President Roosevelt as unsound and a serious threat to the Federal old age pension and social security plans.

This scheme and other radical experiments which Olson and Patterson have consistently supported seriously threaten the welfare of every citizen of California.

We feel it our patriotic duty to urge you to keep California out of the hands of these sinister and misguided influences.

Governor Merriam has given California a sane, sensible, honest, business-like administration. His principles of liberal good government, and those of his running mate, Dr. Franklin, are closest to the ideals of true Democracy of any of the candidates.

Keep California out of the red by going to the polls Nov. 8 and voting for MERRIAM, FRANKLIN, BANCROFT and HIX.

#### WE RECOMMEND ON NOVEMBER 8

For Governor:	
FRANK F. MERRIAM	X
For Lieutenant Governor:	
WALTER SCOTT FRANKLIN	X
For U. S. Senator:	
PHILIP BANCROFT	X
For Representative in Congress, 17th District:	
CLIFTON A. HIX	X

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