

# Arguments Pro and Con Given on State Issues

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A pamphlet titled "Proposed Amendments to Constitution, Propositions and Proposed Laws," together with arguments, to be submitted to the electors of the State of California at the general election, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1962, has been printed for distribution to all registered voters in California by Frank M. Jordan, secretary of state, State Capitol, Sacramento. Including the covers, the pamphlet consists of 46 pages.

It is a tremendous job for the secretary of state to mail this pamphlet to all California registered voters, hence everyone will not receive his copy at the same time. Some people believe that state senators and members of the Assembly distribute the pamphlet, but this is erroneous. I received five (5) copies and have given out four, leaving only one for myself. If you do not receive one from the secretary of state within a reasonable time, please write direct to him.

SOME PEOPLE have written and telephoned me asking for Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 24 on Subversive Activities, often called the Louis Francis Amendment, but members of the Assembly and state senators are not supplied with separate copies of any proposed amendments to the State Constitution. The full text of Proposition No. 24, with arguments for and against it, can be found in the pamphlet mailed to all voters by the secretary of state. Those wanting additional information should write to Louis Francis, 1415 El Camino Real, San Mateo, Calif.

When you receive the pamphlet on proposed amendments to the State Constitution and proposed laws, please read not only the arguments for and against each item, but also the items themselves. Various organizations pass resolutions for or against one or more of the proposed amendments and laws and mail out literature supporting their positions. These are worth reading but under the American system of government, each voter should be fully informed and make his own decision before election day.

THE ARGUMENTS for and against the various items are shorter and easier to read than the proposed amendments and laws, but it is obvious that those writing the arguments feel very strongly one way or the other, hence the arguments may or may not present all the facts. It requires time to read the proposed amendments and laws themselves but you, as a voter, can become fully informed in no other way.

Some voters write and telephone incumbents and other candidates for public office and ask in detail how they should vote on each of the proposed amendments and laws. This is a very natural and human thing to do because it saves time, but a voter who does this is actually forfeiting his duties as a citizen.

FOR EXAMPLE, I am personally voting "YES" on Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 24 on Subversive Activities, but several of my Republican and Democratic friends have told me they will vote "NO" although they admit that their attitude is based upon what they have read in some newspaper and they have not yet read the text of the amendments or the arguments for and against it.

The argument in the secretary of state's pamphlet on behalf of Proposition No. 24 was written by Malcolm Champlin, past state commander, American Legion, California Department, and former FBI agent; Judge Byron J. Walters of Los Angeles County; and Louis Francis, currently member of the Assembly but not a candidate for re-election.

The argument against proposition No. 24 was written by the Right Reverend James A. Pike, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California; Joseph A. Ball, lawyer; and John Anson Ford, chairman, California Fair Employment Practice Commission, and former chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

I PERSONALLY have met all the authors of the arguments for and against Proposition 24 and know some of them intimately, but my vote

is not influenced by the names of the authors of the arguments. For example, I am a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church but can assure you that the Right Rev. James A. Pike, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, does not represent either the religious or political views of the majority of Episcopalians of California.

Finally Proposition No. 24 is neither a partisan political issue nor a religious issue. It is a sincere attempt to curtail the activities of communists and their sympathizers in California. Those supporting and those opposing it can do so with a clear conscience if they read carefully the proposed amendment itself and not rely entirely on either the arguments for or against it, or the names of the sincere, distinguished authors of these arguments.

# End to News Blackout Promised by Bruinsma

A detailed program to provide better news coverage of Congressional activities for local voters was spelled out yesterday by GOP candidate Ted Bruinsma.

"Local voters deserve better communication with their Congressman than they have been getting in recent years," Bruinsma said. "And there's no reason the Congressman can't keep in better touch with the people if he works at it."

Bruinsma spelled out a specific five-point program that would give local voters a better knowledge of how their Congressman is serving them.

"FIRST," he said, "I would employ a full-time press secretary to keep all local newspapers informed of Washington news events affecting this area."

"Second, I would open a full-time Congressional field office in this district to provide on-the-scene liaison with local people and local happenings."

"Third, I would issue a regular newsletter from my Washington office reporting to the voters on current legislation."

"Fourth, I would send out periodic questionnaires to determine how voters in this district feel about major issues."

"AND FIFTH, I would be back in this district every time Congress adjourns to give voters a chance to bring their problems to me personally."

Bruinsma said he had conferred extensively with local newspaper publishers and reporters throughout the area to work out a sound communication system.

"It definitely can be done," he reports. "If elected on Nov. 6, I promise that local voters will never again suffer a news blackout about their Congressman's activities. I'll always be available for comment. My position will always be known."

# Resident Completes Training

Phillip W. Adams, 22009 Grant Ave., is one of 20 young Southern Californians who will become journeymen refrigeration fitters this month, marking completion of a five-year apprenticeship training program conducted by the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.

Adams will be honored at a banquet to be held in the Mayfair Hotel in Los Angeles on Friday. He will receive a certificate of apprenticeship completion awarded by the joint labor-management training committee, and will also be presented with his journeyman card from the Refrigeration Fitters branch, local 250 of the United Assn.

Completion of the intensive training program signifies that the apprentice has received 720 hours of classroom instruction conducted under state and industry supervision.

# Riviera Homeowners Slate Dinner-Dance

Fall dinner-dance of the Riviera Homeowners has been scheduled for Saturday evening, Oct. 20, in the Palos Verdes Country Club, it was announced here yesterday.

Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and dancing to Les Tronier's music is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., according to Mrs. Carl Rogers, who is in charge of arrangements and the program.

Billed as a benefit dance, \$1 of each \$6 ticket will be used to provide furnishings for the new youth center building now under construction at El Retiro Park.

Supervising decorations for the affair will be Mrs. Ragner Thomson, and entertainment is being planned by Tom Roach and Dave Halstead. Among the events of the evening will be a dance contest, for which prizes are being arranged.

Sales are being limited to 150 tickets, and reservations are now being taken by John Johnson at FR 8-1663 and Richard Dodge at FR 5-0143.



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# USC to Study Air Pollution

Public reactions to air pollution in the Los Angeles area will be the subject of a detailed study to be conducted by the Population Research Laboratory at the University of Southern California.

The study adds a new dimension to extensive air pollution research already underway at USC.

Conducted under contract from the U. S. Public Health Service, the study will be supervised by Drs. George Sabagh and Maurice Van Arsdol, co-directors of the USC lab in the Department of Sociology.

DESIGNED to measure and analyze public attitudes toward air pollution as an environmental hazard, the study will begin with interviewing various groups of Los Angeles area residents. Among them will be those who have moved within the last year, non-movers and those who are in-movers into housing units which have been vacated in the last year.

In these interviews, USC's researchers will be seeking the answers to such questions as: How is the level of air pollution related to attitudes toward air pollution?

ARE ATTITUDES toward air pollution influenced by other environmental hazards such as brush fires, floods, and landslides?

How are attitudes toward air pollution related to social and economic status levels, stages in the family life cycle (retired, still working, children at home, children grown and gone)?

Does air pollution influence a commitment to the urban or suburban way of life?

What are the influences of air pollution upon reactions to house, neighborhood and other facilities which are used on a regular basis?

IS AIR pollution on inter-

vening or a determining factor in the decision to move?

"Despite the fact that much important work on the physiological effects of air pollution already has been done by USC's Allan Hancock Foundation and School of Medicine, little is really known about the attitudes and reactions of metropolitan residents of this hazard," says Dr. Van Arsdol. "We assume nobody likes smog, but we want to know how this dislike influences their lives and to what extent."

"THE ANSWERS to our questions should help us describe the kinds of people who both tend to recognize or ignore air pollution as an environmental hazard, and indicate the kinds of attitudes involved in acceptance of life in urban neighborhood with different types of air-pollution conditions."

USC's newest air pollution probe will involve approximately 1,200 family units and will require nine months for interviews and analysis, Dr. Van Arsdol reported.

Airman First Class Stephen C. Teglas of Torrance is serving at Sundown, Wyo., Air Defense Command radar station where the first portable nuclear power plant built for the Air Force was dedicated Tuesday.

The airman, a graduate of Phineas Banning High School, Wilmington, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Teglas of 517 E. Double St. He entered the service in July 1958.

The nuclear power plant, which replaces conventional power generators which used more than a million gallons of fuel oil a year, is located on site atop 6,000-foot Warren Peak in an area where the Plains Indians once danced for their sun god.

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