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## Residential Hike In Assessed Valuation Protested By Hahn

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today protested the announcement by County Assessor John Quinn that assessed valuations on residential properties are to be increased as much as 30 per cent. Noting that press reports in papers of that area quoted Quinn as stating that new subdivisions in Gardena, Torrance, and Redondo Beach will get the sharpest increases, Supervisor Hahn declared that "it seems to me to be unfair to put the burden of the increase in property

assessed valuation on the small home owner."

Supervisor Hahn contended that many large industrial properties are being sold for much higher amounts than has been reflected by their assessed valuations.

"I have also heard that there are many large speculative industrial developments that have not been assessed at their true worth," Supervisor Hahn stated in a memorandum to Quinn. Calling for Quinn to "clarify"

the situation so that "the small home owner will not be singled out for all the tax increases," Supervisor Hahn invited him to appear before the next meeting of the county board of supervisors.

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## Independent Oil Producers Hit 'Conservation' Measure

Independent California oil producers today challenged the so-called oil and gas "conservation" initiative as "a selfish and arrogant oil control scheme by major international oil companies to strangle competition and flood the state with Arabian oil imports."

The blunt accusation was made in a statement by E. G. Starr of Los Angeles, president of the Association of Independent Oil Producers.

Starr charged that "Richfield Oil corporation, Standard Oil company and several other international importing oil companies owning vast Arabian oil concessions are pouring millions of dollars into a propaganda campaign to influence the voters in favor of the initiative."

He added: "This initiative came from the same nest that hatched two previous oil control bills overwhelmingly rejected by the voters in 1932 and 1939."

The charge that the "conservation" measure is a disguised oil control scheme was repeated today in statewide newspaper advertisements published by the association urging the public not to be "stampeded" into supporting it.

Professional petition circulators, hired to put the initiative on the November ballot, last week filed signatures with county clerks in various parts of the state.

Starr disclosed that several hundred independent California oil producers are "unalterably opposed to this oil control initiative." He asserted that "a public statement made on March 28 by Charles S. Jones, president of Richfield, claiming that an overwhelming majority of the oil industry is backing the measure, is completely contrary to the facts."

Focal point of the attack by the independents, according to Starr, is the initiative's provision for compulsory unitization—or control—of the California oil producing industry in

the guise of conservation. "We take the position that compulsory unitization, as proposed by these major international oil importing companies, would clamp a death grip on the competitive operations of small independents," Starr asserted. "It would give them a free hand to pour into California oil from the Middle East wastefully produced with cheap Arabian labor."

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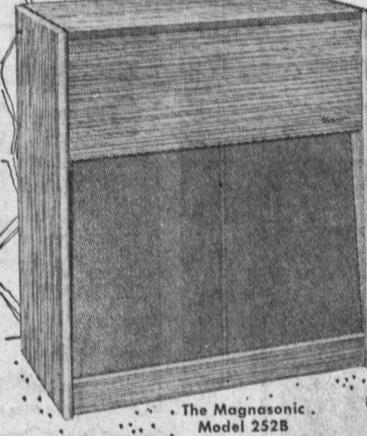
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