



HERE'S WHAT PROPOSITION 17, THE "SKELETON-CREW" SCHEME, WOULD DO:

- WIPE OUT public supervision of railroad safety in California
- DEPRIVE the Public Utilities Commission and the Legislature of their rights to protect public safety
- KILL California's Minimum Safe Crew Law
- LEGALIZE "skeleton crews"
- SURRENDER to the railroads control over train safety practices
- FREEZE into the State Constitution the sole right of the railroads to decide safe crew requirements
- PERMIT the railroads to put their profits before your safety
- INCREASE sharply the chance of disastrous train wrecks in California.

FOR THE RECORD: PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER, KENNEDY AND JOHNSON HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED RAILROAD SAFETY LAWS—
the California Minimum Crew Law is just such a safety measure!

On election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, the railroad companies are asking you, the people of California, to vote away your rights as citizens...to hand over to the railroads full power to decide the number of train crewmen necessary for public safety.

This vital control over railroad safety laws is now held by your elected State Legislature and by the Public Utilities Commission. Proposition 17, the "skeleton-crew scheme" sponsored by the powerful California Railroad Association, would repeal California's Minimum Crew Law—a safety law which has prevented untold loss in lives and property...and given California one of the best railroad safety records in the nation.

At the same time, Prop. 17 would eliminate public supervision of railroad safety in California. It would leave the railroads completely free to cut the size of train crews as they see fit...below the present safe minimums now prescribed by law. In short, it would leave the question of public safety vs. private profit solely in the hands of the railroads.

VOTE NO ON 17

DON'T LET THE RAILROADS GAMBLE WITH YOUR SAFETY!

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Major Crime Rate Shows Alarming Jump in State

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
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 The subject of the death penalty in California is timely because several members of the Assembly and State Senators have said that they are convinced that one or more bills will be introduced during the forthcoming 1965 general session of the Legislature to abolish the death penalty.

Governor Brown recently issued a public statement that he is very much concerned about a decline in the public's respect for law and order. Governor Brown also issued a public statement that he had written a letter to the newly appointed Attorney General of California, Thomas C. Lynch, recently District Attorney for the City and

County of San Francisco. In that letter, Governor Brown told Attorney General Lynch, whom Governor Brown appointed to office, that he wanted him, Thomas C. Lynch, to join him, Governor Brown, in a "joint determination to see to it that the rule of law meets the challenge of the sixties."

IT MAY have been a coincidence, but the letter from Governor Brown to his own Attorney General, was publicized the day after Senator Barry Morris Goldwater, Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States of America, charged publicly that the present federal administration in Washington, D. C. (meaning President Lyndon Johnson and his staff) was not maintaining order in the streets and was grossly negligent in the field of law enforcement, or words to that effect.

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When Governor Brown was asked by a reporter if the Brown letter to the new Attorney General was prompted by the Goldwater charge, Governor Brown denied that there was any connection between the Goldwater charge and his letter to Mr. Lynch.

Meanwhile, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a subsidiary bureau of the U. S. Department of Justice, issued a public report that serious crimes, that is, major felonies, had increased 15 per cent during the first six months of 1964. At the same time both federal and California official reports revealed an alarming increase in the commission of major felonies in California during the same period.

JUST BEFORE Governor Brown issued his statement about a decline in the public's respect for law and order, and also very shortly before Governor Brown released a copy of his letter to his newly appointed Attorney

General, the State Supreme Court of California reversed a lower court sentence of death imposed upon a person who had received the death penalty in a Superior Court after a fair trial, with a competent lawyer defending the criminal.

This action by our own Supreme Court of California was only one of several very similar decisions which relieved convicted felons of the penalty of death for their crimes. However, there was one responsible, carefully considered, dissenting vote against over-ruling the trial court. That dissenting vote was cast by Marshall F. McComb, a member of the State Supreme Court, officially designated as an Associate Justice.

Justice Marshall McComb not only voted against relieving the criminal of the penalty of death, but he also explained his reasons for voting as he did in his minority, dissenting opinion, published in the record. Justice Marshall F. McComb said in part: "It is my opinion that the

judiciary should consider the protection of innocent people in this State and endeavor to support the law-enforcement officers in their efforts to prevent the increase of crimes now taking place at an

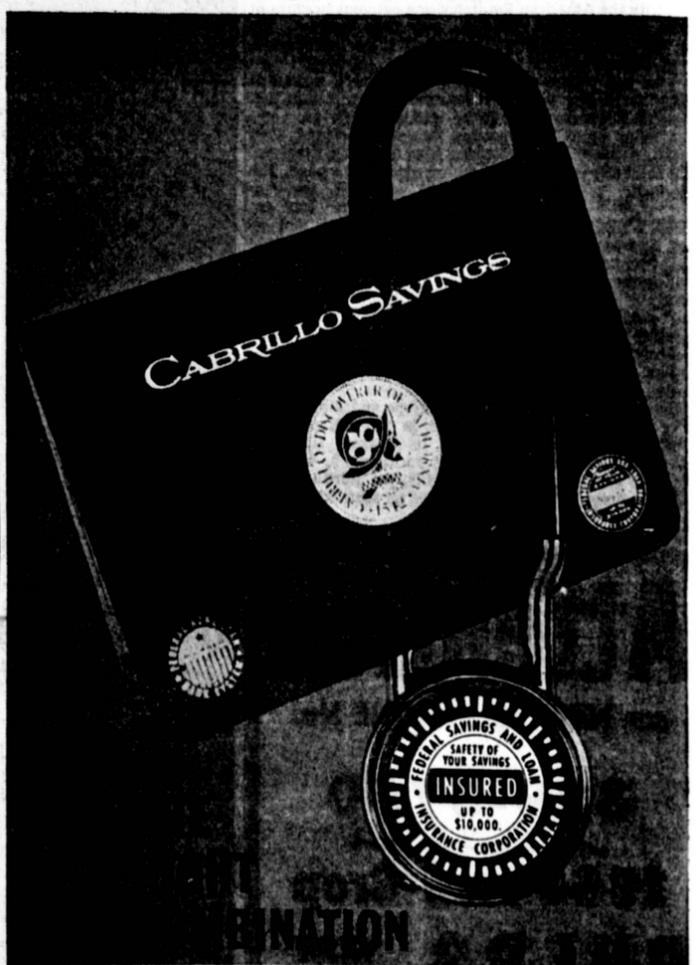
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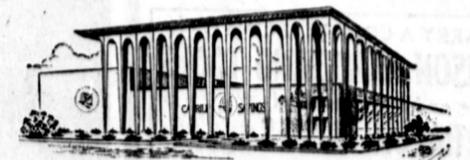
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