

## CALIFORNIA TO INDORSE F. D. R., STOKES THINKS

Registration Figures Give Democrats Big Edge Over Opposition.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—California in this year 3 D. (New Deal, of course) is compounded of lots of sunshine and some of what the call "mid" out here of Herbert Hoover and Hiram Johnson and William Gibbs McAdoo, of Upton Sinclair and his dwindling Epics and Doc Townsend and his old folks, of satisfied farmers and disgruntled business men, of Hollywood sheiks and beauties.

Then there's young Harry Bridges, czar of the waterfront, and there are reactionary blue stockings who hardly know the Nineteenth Century is over. Everything runs to extremes except the weather.

But take them all, shake in a box, throw them down on the map of California, and every time you get: Roosevelt in November.

### Bases for Statement Are Many

This conclusion is based on many things, the most practical of which are registration figures which show registration to vote Democratic running farther ahead of Republican registration than in either 1932 or 1934, when the state showed good majorities for the Roosevelt Administration.

In San Francisco it's running almost 2 to 1 Democratic, recent figures being: Democratic, 53,250; Republican, 30,780. In once rock-ribbed Alameda County, which embraces Oakland across the bay, recent figures show: Democratic, 66,923; Republican, 58,608.

In Los Angeles County, Democrats are running about 40 with a lead already of 160,000 and prospects that this may rise to 250,000 when registration is completed.

Even in Santa Clara County, where Mr. Hoover lives, Democratic registration is less than 100 behind in a total registration to date of 27,000.

### Theories Are Different

Republicans give some involved local reasons for some of this, predicated on the Townsend plan strategy, but practical politicians say it merely means that the President's popularity continues at high tide in this state and that he ought to carry it easily come November. Some even predict he will pile up more than his 476,000 majority over Herbert Hoover in '32.

Due to the Townsend plan and Upton Sinclair's EPIC movement, which very nearly sent the novelist to the Governor's chair two years ago, the Democratic standard out here reaches out to cover all sorts of left-wing fringes. Right now they are squabbling for representation on the Roosevelt delegation to the Philadelphia national convention. But they'll be for the President in November.

Also helpful to the President is the support of the popular idol, Senator Hiram Johnson, who bolted the Republican Party in '32 and has announced he will be for Mr. Roosevelt again this year. Recently he and A. P. Giannini, head of the great Pacific Coast banking house, organized a Roosevelt League.

### Banker to Register as Democrat

Mr. Giannini announced publicly that he would register Democratic. I had the novel experience of visiting this banking house and hearing, from the lips of officers and directors, very kind words for the New Deal.

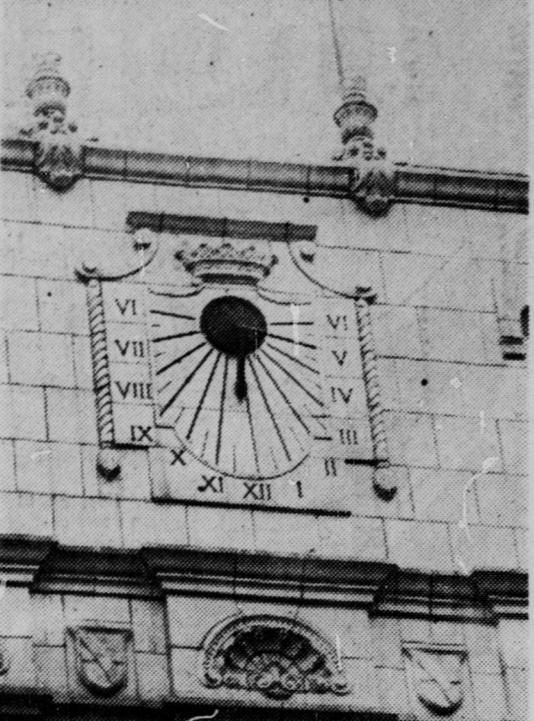
I pinched myself—and I wasn't asleep.

Business is good in the state; farmers are prosperous and building is rapidly approaching boom proportions, especially in Los Angeles, whose highways and byways are blossoming with new and bizarre homes.

There's only one dark spot. That is the recurrent controversy between ship owners and ship labor, the latter, led by Harry Bridges, head of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, which is now, with its affiliates, one of the tightest unions in the country. Its control extends into every type of labor that has to do with ships. They are now organizing clerks and other white-collar workers in the industry.

Ship owners have about reached a

HERE ARE MORE 'FOTOFOOLERS'—RIGHT IN TOWN, TOO—KNOW 'EM?



The Times photographer sometimes finds time weighing heavily in this type of weather. So the other afternoon he took a couple of shots of odds and ends and wonders if you know where they are located.

**BRUNO PLEADS TO QUIZ CONDON**

Minister Begs Lutheran Clergy to Lend Aid to Hauptmann.

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This plan, however, was not considered feasible, it was said.

The flood of rumors accelerated by the dramatic withdrawal from the case of Samuel Leibowitz, noted criminal lawyer, continued.

Gov. Hoffman denied published reports that he was contemplating another reprieve.

"I believe that Hauptmann has been greatly wronged," said Mr. Matteson in his letter to the ministers. "Hauptmann was born and baptized in a Lutheran home and church which is situated in that part of Germany where the cradle of Lutheranism stood.

"I know him and I love him. He is a true Christian and a brother in Christ. Do you for a moment think that if Hauptmann had stolen and murdered a child he could find refuge in reading God's word and engaging in prayer?"

Bruno "Not in Picture"

"Pastor," he told me, "if I had fallen so low as to murder a brother, I would not want to live any longer."

"I feel that we as ministers have a great duty to perform. We have to preach and stress civic righteousness as based upon God's word. And there is a great deal for us to do."

"Please forgive me if I do not at this time expain away all the circumstantial evidence so cunningly woven about Hauptmann. That evidence may be there—but Hauptmann does not fit into the picture."

**CLUBS ASK SUPPORT FOR 2 RADIIUM BILLS**

Letters Are to Be Sent to President, Congressmen.

Indiana congressmen and President Roosevelt are to receive letters from the Seventh District Federation of Clubs asking them to press for passage of two radium bills pending in Congress. Resolutions authorizing the letters were adopted today at a federation meeting in the Claypool.

The bills would authorize acceptance of not more than \$10,000,000 worth of radium from Belgium in payment of war debts, and distribution of the radium to United States hospitals, medical centers and research clinics.

### Landon to Stay Out

The burning question now, especially to Mr. Hoover, is whether Senator Borah will try to capture the California delegation. William Randolph Hearst is pumping for Gov. Landon of Kansas, but the Hoover people have sent word to the Governor to stay out. Frank Knox already has given assurances that he will not enter the primary, which occurs in May.

President Roosevelt personally will select the delegation to the Philadelphia convention because of a quarrel between Senator McAdoo, National Committeeman, and State Senator Culbert L. Olson, Democratic state chairman and former EPIC follower, over who should name and head it.

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