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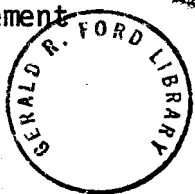
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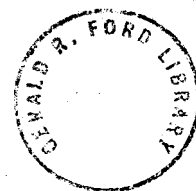
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"The demand for liberal benefits would skyrocket," Stovall said.

He cited New York City as a case in point:

"When immigration laws were liberalized with Puerto Rico, we saw a tremendous influx of Puerto Ricans into New York. And this created an astounding demand for liberal services in the city.

"Now New York, once the richest city in the country, is threatened with bankruptcy."

Stovall said the same thing could happen to cities and counties in Texas and other prosperous states.

"Texas right now has a reserve of over \$2 billion. But what would happen to that reserve if the state suddenly were forced to support another million poverty level families who migrated from smaller Southern



cities and states that had to eliminate services because they lost revenue sharing funds and federal money for education, health services and income security.

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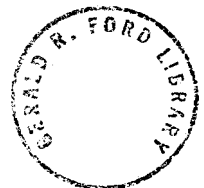
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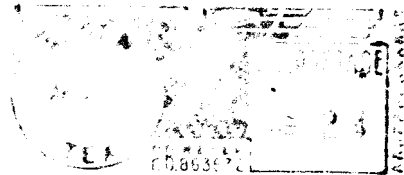
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Reagan's record advocating compulsory unionism contrasts sharply with that of President Ford, Nowlin said.

"As a member of Congress, Gerald R. Ford voted for retaining the right to work provision of the Taft-Hartley Act. And as President, he vetoed the common situs picketing bill.

"Against an unsympathetic Congress, President Ford has fought successfully to maintain an equitable balance of economic power between management and organized labor," Nowlin said.

"His veto of the common situs picketing bill blocked one of the most brazen power grabbing attempts by organized labor to occur at the federal level in recent memory.

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Blake pointed out that in addition to cutting the state depletion allowance from 27½ per cent to 22 per cent, the law also imposed a 2½ per cent minimum income tax on all tax sheltered incomes such as oil depletion allowances.

"Mr. Reagan evidently has a peculiar way of showing his avowed support for the petroleum industry," Blake said. "If he is such a staunch defender of the industry, and, as he has stated, would battle to get the oil depletion allowance restored, why did he sign this legislation? Why didn't he veto it?"

"He keeps talking about how he'd restore the depletion allowance. So what's new? A lot of people would like to do the same thing, but the fact is that it's Congress that's done the damage, and under its current make-up Mr. Reagan's chances of getting it through would be next to impossible."

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includes a certain amount of compulsion with regard to union membership."

Reagan's record advocating compulsory unionism contrasts sharply with that of President Ford, Nowlin said.

"As a member of Congress, Gerald R. Ford voted for retaining the right to work provision of the Taft-Hartley Act. And as President, he vetoed the common situs picketing bill.

"Against an unsympathetic Congress, President Ford has fought successfully to maintain an equitable balance of economic power between management and organized labor," Nowlin said.

"His veto of the common situs picketing bill blocked one of the most brazen power grabbing attempts by organized labor to occur at the federal level in recent memory.

"And, of all who are actively seeking the presidency, President Ford possesses the strongest, most consistent, most outspoken record of support on behalf of state prerogatives to enact right to work statutes."

Nowlin said this is a "significant indication" of President Ford's concern for individual freedom of choice regarding union membership.

Nowlin is a Ford delegate candidate from Texas' 21st congressional district in San Antonio and is a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

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Grace Marie Prather

Ronald Reagan claims to be a great friend of the petroleum industry "yet as governor of California he signed into law a bill which reduced the state oil depletion allowance within California by 5 per cent," Robert W. Blake of Lubbock charged today. Blake, an independent oil producer serves as Lubbock County Chairman for the President Ford Committee.

Blake pointed out that in addition to cutting the state depletion allowance from 27½ per cent to 22 per cent, the law also imposed a 2½ per cent minimum income tax on all tax sheltered incomes such as oil depletion allowances.

"Mr. Reagan evidently has a peculiar way of showing his avowed support for the petroleum industry," Blake said. "If he is such a staunch defender of the industry, and, as he has stated, would battle to get the oil depletion allowance restored, why did he sign this legislation? Why didn't he veto it?"

He keeps talking about how he'd restore the depletion allowance. So what's new? A lot of people would like to do the same thing, but the fact is that it's Congress that's done the damage, and under its current make-up Mr. Reagan's chances of getting it through would be next to impossible."

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didn't," Blake noted.

"Once again we have a case of the Reagan rhetoric differing from the reality of his record, a situation which, in this case, should be of great concern to all Texans, and particularly to those involved in this industry so vital to the economy of our state."



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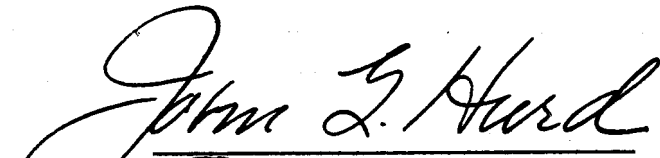
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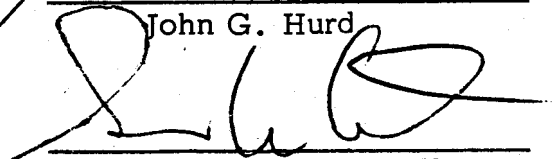
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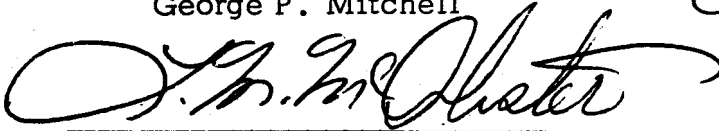
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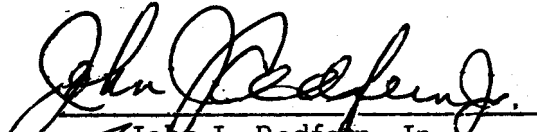
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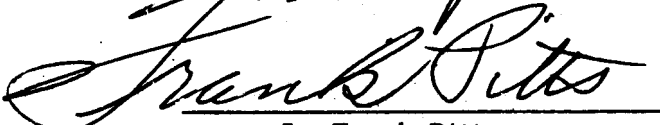
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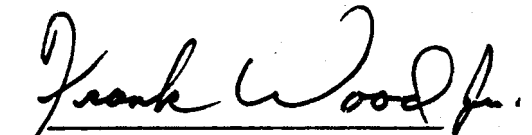
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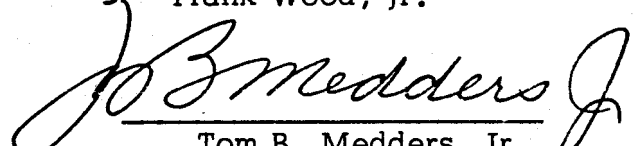
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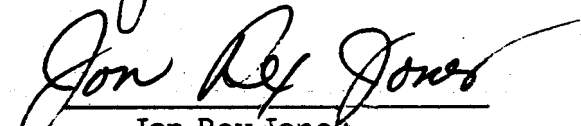
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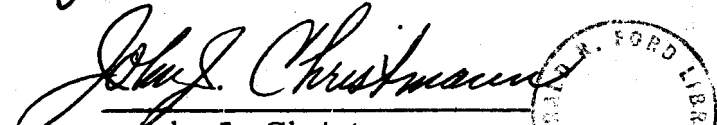
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"While Reagan was governor, state and local taxes doubled, our sales tax jumped from 4 cents to 6 cents on the dollar and state spending nearly tripled," Stevens said.

Stevens, who currently represents Los Angeles in the California State Senate, has served in the legislature for 14 years, spanning Reagan's entire tenure as governor of California.

"During Reagan's eight years, he increased personal state income taxes a whopping 500%. And he also imposed a mandatory - and very unpopular - state withholding tax, the very thing he campaigned against in 1966.

"He also increased bank and corporation taxes by 100%, discouraging the industrial development needed to provide jobs for California residents."

Stevens, a life-long Republican and one of Reagan's former defenders in the California legislature, said Reagan virtually destroyed the Republican Party in the state.

"During his administration, the GOP slipped to its lowest numerical strength in the state legislature in nearly 100 years," and Stevens put the blame squarely on Reagan for vetoing a compromise reapportionment bill which legislative Republicans supported.

Stevens is in Texas to hold a series of news conferences in four



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cities "to set straight the facts on Reagan's record as governor."

Stevens warned if Reagan were to win the GOP presidential nomination, the Democrats in California would have a hey day bringing the real facts of Reagan's record in California to light.

"I am here today in Texas to try to stop that from happening and to encourage voters to unite behind President Ford, the only Republican who can win in November and the only candidate with a proven record in the areas of fiscal conservatism, maintaining a strong defense and restoring confidence in the American System."



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"I'm a Democrat," Holden said, "but I will vote in the Republican Primary Saturday for President Ford because I believe he's earned a full term in office."

"I've conferred with the President and officials of his Administration on transportation policy. I'm convinced he's sincere in his attempts to relieve burdens on small businessmen and provide them with incentives that ultimately benefit consumers. His policies regarding transportation of produce definitely would help consumers by lowering cost.

"Among Presidential candidates, Gerald Ford has taken a stand in favor of the policies needed to alleviate problems throughout our industry," Holden said.

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