Don't Let California Burn
While Politicians Fiddle

Watts is burning all over the state; unless the California politicians wake up to the drastic need for social reform. Places like Los Angeles and Oakland are going to have more uprisings like Watts last August. For too long we have voted for do-nothing politicians. Let's make them do something for our vote! Don't vote! unless the candidate endorses this program of social reform, force candidates to run on issues not politics!

N-VAC 16 POINT PROGRAM

1. CIVIL REVIEW BOARDS. Legislation should be enacted creating Civil Review Boards for all law enforcement agencies. These Boards should have the power to bring criminal indictments against law enforcement officials who violate criminal laws. Large cities separate Boards should be established for each precinct and they should be staffed by citizens elected from within the particular community involved.

2. LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION. Legislation should be enacted to establish a subsidized system of county-operated non-profit public transportation with a low single fare throughout each county or metropolitan area. This system should be under the direction of a state commission. It should be based on local needs and operate on all major traffic arteries.

3. LOW-COST PUBLIC HOUSING. Legislation should be enacted to require that all urban renewal proposals should be submitted initially to the affected community for approval. No one should be moved until replacement housing in the same area is available. Adequate, decent, low-cost, small unit housing must be provided on completion of construction.

4. STATE MEDICAL FACILITIES. Legislation should be enacted creating a system of state-supported free medical service to low income families. This system would be comprised of local community hospitals to be supplemented by 24-hour neighborhood clinics providing free emergency and ambulance service. All ambulances operating within the state shall be staffed with medical doctors. All volunteer personnel in government medical facilities should be replaced by paid employees, with preferential consideration to be given to persons from low income backgrounds.

5. $2.25 MINIMUM WAGE. Legislation should be enacted establishing a state minimum wage law providing for a minimum hourly wage of $2.25 for all employees working within the state of California. (This includes farm workers and all others now excluded from minimum wage guarantees.)

6. INCOME TAX EXEMPTION. Legislation should be enacted to raise the state income tax exemption to $3,000 in the case of a single individual and $6,000 in the case of a married couple or the head of a household.

7. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. Legislation should be enacted to provide for the expansion and improvement of park and recreational areas in low income communities, including the provision for additional cultural facilities. (For instance, in Los Angeles, Wrigley Field should be turned into a Community Center.)

8. PRE-ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. Legislation should be enacted creating a statewide system of pre-elementary education and free day care centers for the children of low income families.

9. PENALTIES FOR DISCRIMINATION IN HIRING. The Fair Employment Practices Code shall be amended to instruct the FEPC to revoke business licenses as a penalty for discrimination in hiring. The staff and budget of the FEPC shall be vastly increased to facilitate thorough investigations in all areas of employment.

10. INCORPORATION OF COMMUNITIES. Legislation should be enacted permitting particular communities in large cities to incorporate into self-governing municipalities by means of a referendum solely among the residents of the affected community. (Examples would be South Central Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, West Oakland.)

11. TAX BURDEN. There shall be no increase in local or state sales taxes.

12. SCHOOL INTEGRATION. The Attorney General should institute suits to require all School Boards to end de facto segregation by the end of 1967. A crash program should be initiated to improve the quality of education in minority communities.

13. WELFARE. Welfare legislation should be amended to provide an increase in payments on a scale of $4,000 per year for a family of four, $6,000 a year for individuals. Persons with a net income lower than the amount for which they would be eligible to receive shall be compensated to be brought to that level. Welfare workers shall have counseling functions only. Checks shall be sent from a central bureau, and eligibility shall be on a basis of net income only.

14. CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH. State law should be amended to require that conversational Spanish be taught on a par with English at the elementary school level.

15. PARDONS. The governor should grant pardons to all persons convicted for so-called crimes resulting from the uprising in South Central Los Angeles during the summer of 1965. All persons presently imprisoned on charges stemming from the disturbance should be immediately released. Legislation should be enacted compensating all persons incarcerated because of charges arising from such disturbances; such compensation should be on the basis of $300 for each month incarcerated.

16. WAR SPENDING. The legislature shall resolve to demand that Federal funds presently being spent on the war in Vietnam be reallocated among the various states to implement social reform programs such as this program.