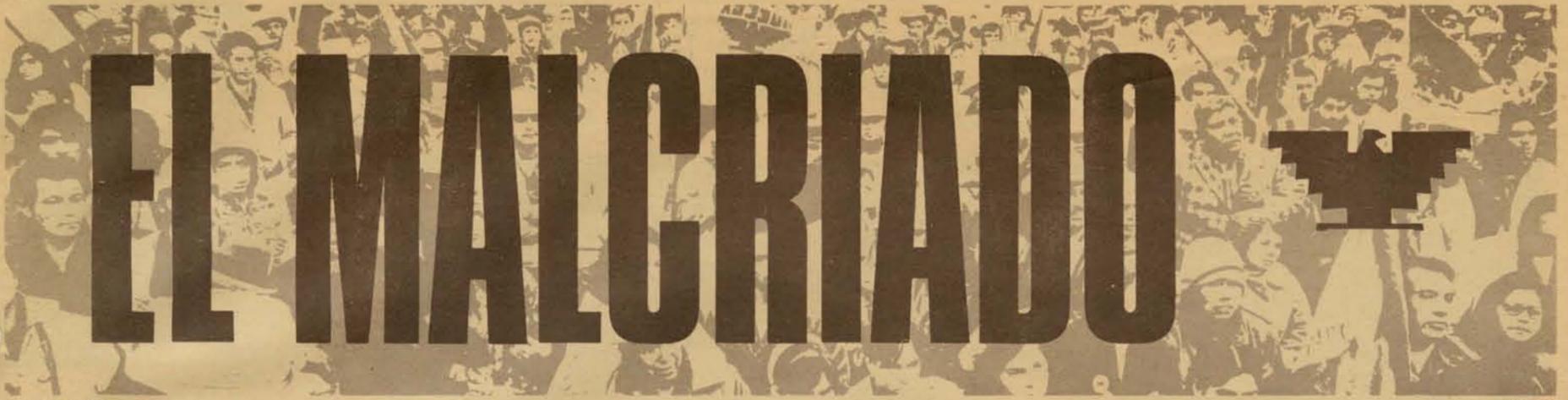


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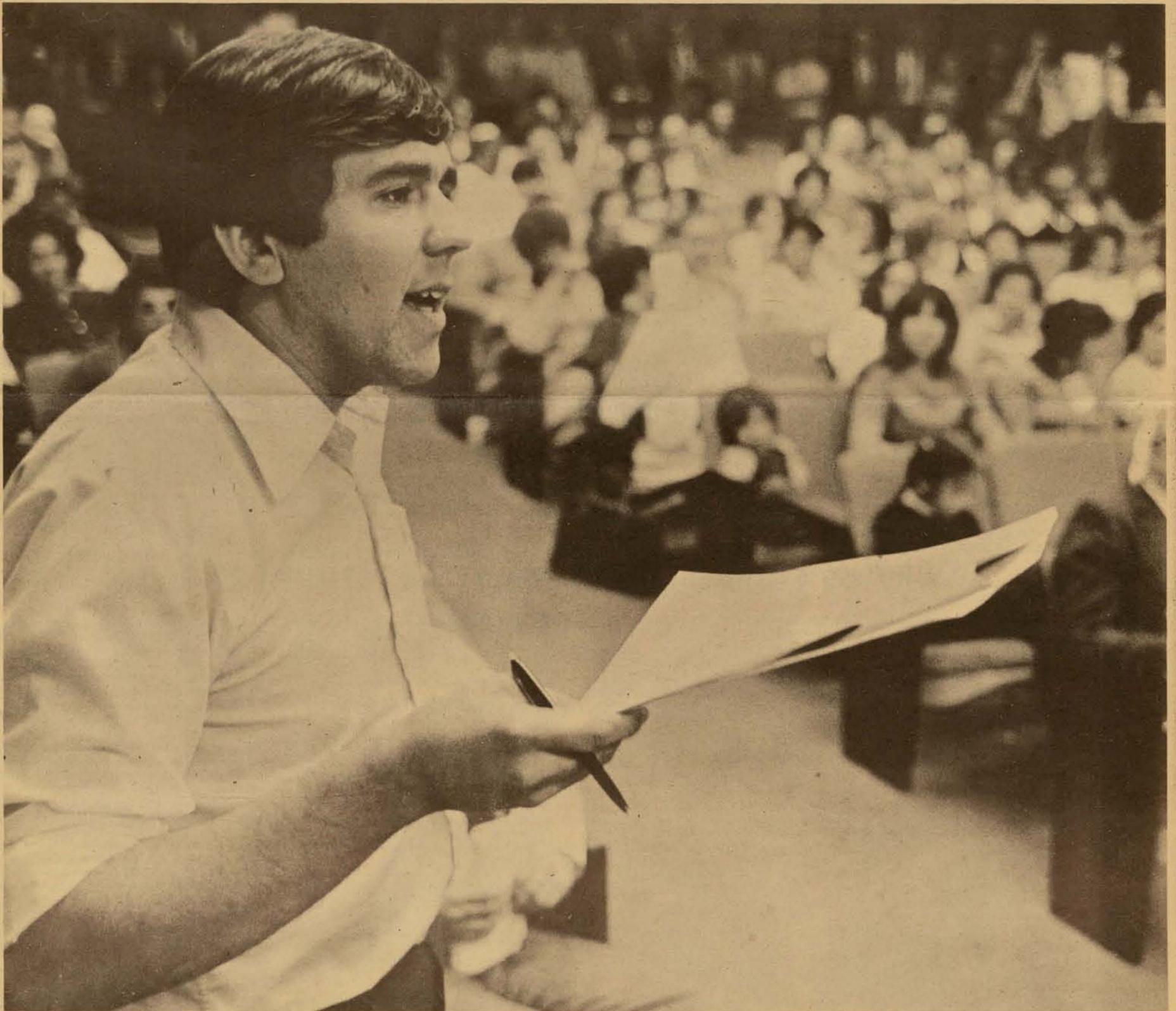


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ART TORRES wants to make Government Work for People!

ART TORRES was born and raised in Boyle Heights. He is a graduate of East Los Angeles College where he served as President of the Student Body. He is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he served as Student President. ART earned a Juris Doctorate Degree in Law from the University of California at Davis School of Law, where he served as Class President.

For the past two years ART TORRES has served as one of the chief Legislative Advocates for California Rural Legal Assistance in Sacramento. While in Sacramento, ART represented the urban and rural poor as well as the needs of consumers, working men and women, senior citizens and farmworkers.

ART TORRES has taught legal reform courses at the University of California at Davis School of Law. Presently he is involved in seeking legal redress for the elementary schools in the 40th Assembly District which were excluded from Title I Compensatory Education federal funds, because of federal and state guidelines which are discriminatory against Spanish-speaking children.

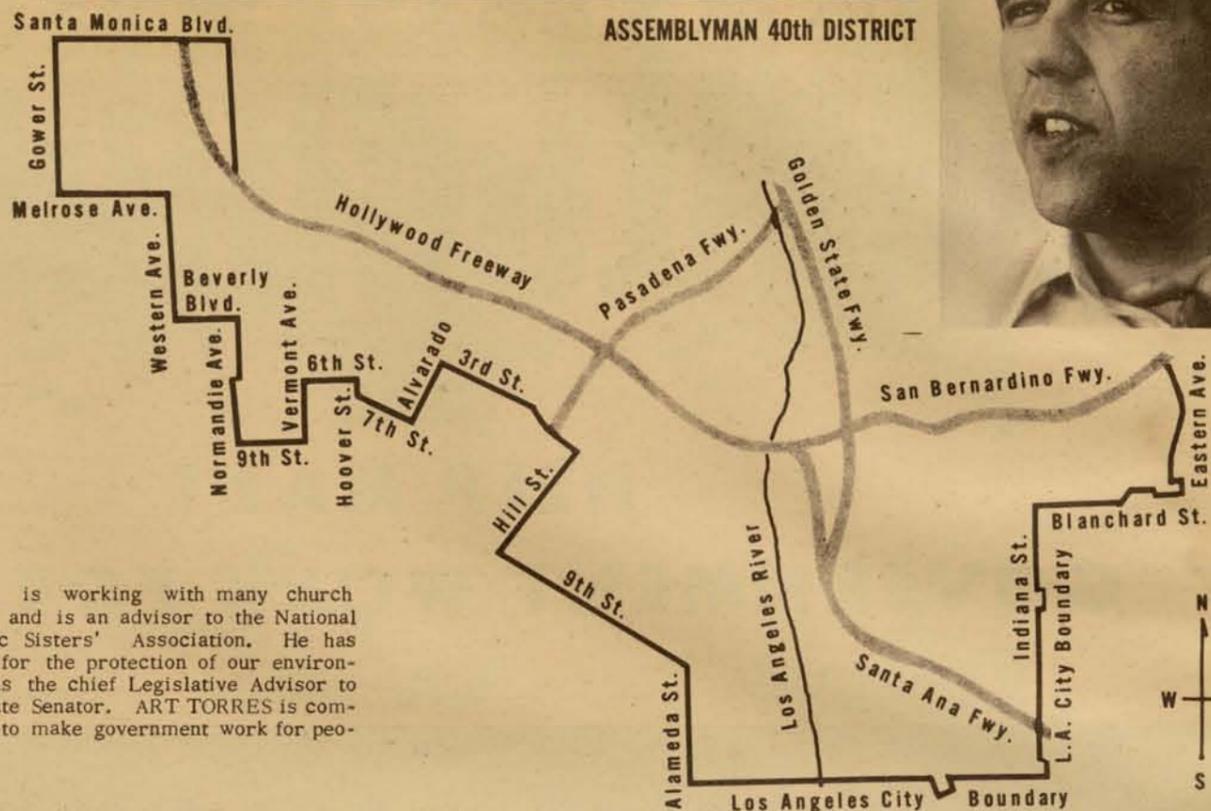
ART TORRES cares deeply about our district. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Teatro de los Barrios, a group of young people who bring the problems of their community to light with original theatrical productions. ART is a member of the East Los Angeles Jay-Cees.

ART is working with many church groups and is an advisor to the National Catholic Sisters' Association. He has fought for the protection of our environment as the chief Legislative Advisor to our State Senator. ART TORRES is committed to make government work for people.

ARTHUR A. TORRES, Democrat
SENATOR'S FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



ASSEMBLYMAN 40th DISTRICT



Cesar Chavez: 'Farmworkers support ART TORRES for Assemblyman!'



United Farm Workers Director Cesar Chavez announces the farmworkers' endorsement of ART TORRES for Assemblyman at a press conference at one of ART's campaign headquarters during which Cesar officially declared the resumption of the International Boycott of non-Union Lettuce.

Dear Friends:

ART TORRES is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 40th California Assembly District. Our Union has endorsed ART TORRES and I am asking all the friends of the farmworkers to support his candidacy in the primary election, June 6, 1972.

ART TORRES has shown farmworkers that he is a good friend who can be trusted to support poor people in their struggles. Time and again he has worked with us in Sacramento to defeat Farm Bureau legislation that would have destroyed our farmworkers' Union. He worked with us to turn back the National Labor Relations Board attack on the Boycott. He stands with us today as an active supporter of the Lettuce Boycott. He advocates legislation that will relieve the burdens of the poor; rent supplements for the elderly, Title I remedial education funds from the Federal Government and property tax relief.

In contrast, Assemblyman Alex Garcia has proven himself to be a powerful opponent of the farmworker cause. In the summer of 1971, he cast the deciding vote in favor of A.B. 964 in the Assembly

Committee on Labor Relations. Rich farmers that pay starvation wages designed A.B. 964 to eliminate the Boycott and crush our Union. The Union asked Alex Garcia not to vote for A.B. 964 but he sold out to big farmer interests. Garcia knew what he was doing. He betrayed farmworkers and did what the big farmers wanted him to do.

Why would Garcia vote for A.B. 964 when he knew it would hurt farmworkers? What reward did he receive from the rich and powerful farmers for this evil vote?

Alex Garcia should be defeated because he has demonstrated that he sides with the rich against the rights of working people. ART TORRES should be elected on June 6, 1972 so the 40th Assembly District can at last have honest and courageous leadership. Viva la Causa

Cesar E. Chavez

Cesar E. Chavez, Director
United Farm Workers

Editorial

Why do Farmworkers support ART TORRES?

Like farmworkers, you who live in the 40th Assembly District are a mixture of many people of different backgrounds struggling to form a community of true justice and peace. We have been coming to Los Angeles for sometime now to ask for your help in our own struggles for a decent way of life. You helped us during the Grape Boycott and during our campaign against the Republican Party's attempt to use the National Labor Relations Board to destroy our Union.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the sacrifices you have shared with us. And now, we finally have another opportunity to join with you to make YOUR community a better place to live by helping to elect ART TORRES for Assemblyman of the 40th Assembly District.

We have not come to Los Angeles to campaign for a political candidate since 1968 when farmworkers worked long and hard in the Democratic Presidential Primary for our beloved brother, the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

For too long, we have seen no leadership in the 40th Assembly District. For all practical purposes this area in the heart of Los Angeles can be called leaderless. As a result, our relatives and friends who live in the Assembly District and our representation in Sacramento have suffered greatly.

Farmworkers joined with concerned citizens in your community to search for someone with a sincere interest in all of the people of the 40th District. We found such a man in ART TORRES.

We are behind ART TORRES wholeheartedly and are campaigning for him directly. ART is no stranger to us. He has worked with us in the defeat of anti-farmworker legislation. ART TORRES has a brilliant record in education and leadership. Our Union rarely endorses political candidates but when it does we go all the way. We made our decision after long discussions

among ourselves and after looking very critically at ART.

We are behind ART TORRES because we are a Non-violent movement. Incumbent Alex Garcia has done NOTHING about the violence in the 40th District. When we speak of violence we mean the violence of unemployment, we mean the violence of poor schools, we mean the violence of the aged suffer daily, we mean the violence of confiscatory property taxes. ART TORRES has a history of fighting this kind of institutional violence.

Not only is ART TORRES a sound and promising candidate in his own right but he will replace in Sacramento a man who has been a disgrace to his people and to his position, Alex P. Garcia. According to facts found in the Journal of the California Assembly, the Legislative Index, the California Journal and the Environmental Voting Index, Garcia has established one of the poorest attendance records on major pieces of legislation in California. In 1970, Garcia was absent 40.6% of the time. In 1971, he was absent 47.7% of the time.

During the times that he was present on the Assembly floor, Alex P. Garcia voted against the interests of the people in the 40th Assembly District. And the very fact that Garcia has consistently voted against farmworkers and La Causa proves that he cares little about people. We simply cannot afford any more of Alex P. Garcia.

We must get Garcia out. We need ART TORRES in. We stand behind him on the issues:

Tax Reform. People of the 40th District pay a far greater percentage of their income for property tax than the wealthiest people in California. Oil, gas, insurance, corporate interests and high income groups easily escape taxes through write-offs, loopholes, and investment manipulations.

Tenants' Rights. We must make laws which will protect the renter against unscrupulous landlords, and provide property tax exemption to the tenant who pays such taxes indirectly.

Quality Education. Our schools are overcrowded and deteriorating each day. School funds must be distributed on a basis of need.

Protection for Senior Citizens. The dignity, income and homes of our aged are being ravaged by insensitive government. Rental supplements and property tax relief are needed to help them keep the homes they have spent a lifetime to purchase.

Consumer Protection. ART TORRES is concerned with everyone's right to fair goods and services. He has worked as a consumer advocate before the California State Legislature and is well qualified to protect consumers from fraud.

Protection for the Wage Earner. Alex Garcia has sold out to agribusiness and other wealthy interests. ART TORRES is a true friend of working men and women. ART TORRES is supported by farmworkers and representatives of organized labor in the 40th District. This includes: the United Auto Workers, Local #808; Brown Caucus; California Democratic Council; Social Workers Union; Local #535.

During the past decade farmworkers have developed new tools of change. While the great powers still look to violence as a solution to their differences, we are developing new instruments that are strong, effective and humane. One of these tools is the Boycott. With the Boycott of grapes we proved what great power people can have to direct their destiny. We are now

engaged in an international Boycott of lettuce. We are encouraging people all over the world not to buy lettuce so that farmworkers might be free from exploitation. ART TORRES stands behind this Boycott. He is proud to share his lot with the poor.

The 1971 legislative session witnessed the introduction of AB 964, the Cory Bill, which sought to set up a farm labor relations board which would have effectively taken away all the rights of farmworkers to freely unionize in California. This Bill also sought to do away with the secondary Boycott. Alex Garcia was the sole Democrat on the Assembly Labor Relations Committee to join with the Republicans and thereby permitted this tremendous threat to the farmworkers to get out of committee. More than 5,000 farmworkers journeyed to Sacramento to demonstrate against that bill and defeat it.

Garcia is not a voice for labor. He is a threat to the principles that all working men have fought for in their years of struggle.

Electing ART TORRES will stop the passage of such anti-labor legislation. Both farmworkers and the working men and women of the 40th Assembly District will find new strength in Sacramento with ART TORRES as Assemblyman.

This is why we have come to the city to talk to you again. We are joining with you in campaigning for ART TORRES.

We believe that the poor have much in common whether they live in the city or in the country. This campaign will help us to get to know each other better and to work together in forming a non-violent society. We believe that ART TORRES can help us to do just that in the 40th Assembly District. ART TORRES is committed to making government work for people.

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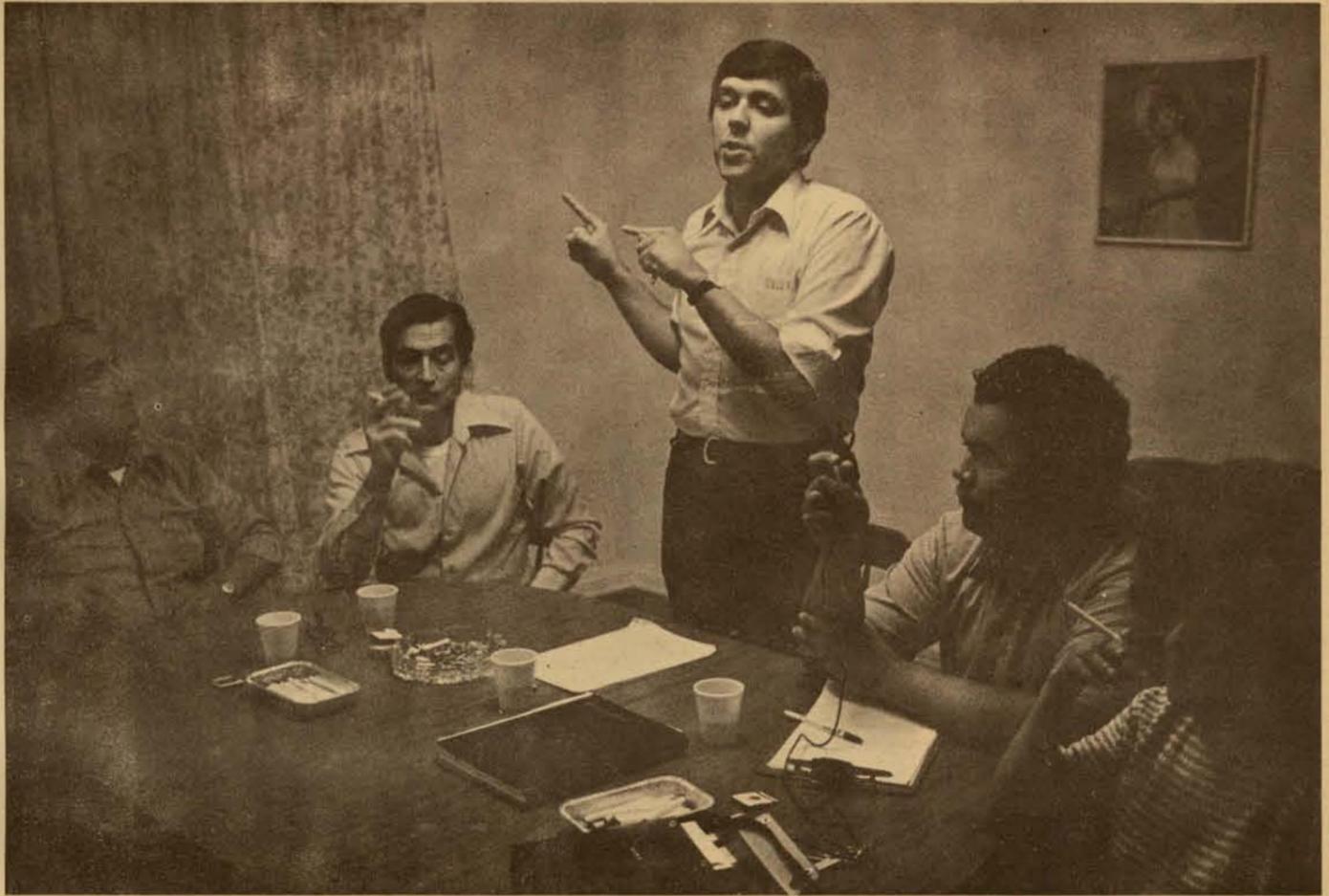
We in the 40th Assembly District are facing some very serious problems....

Throughout the 40th Assembly District, our community is waking up. Together we are rising from the years of stagnation which left us with many serious problems unresolved. And we are asking some very tough questions. WHY are property taxes so excessive and unfair? WHY are tenants' rights being ignored? WHY do we have to put up with an over-crowded and under-funded educational school system. WHY do our so-called representatives allow the condemnation of our senior citizens to lives of neglect and despair? WHY is nothing being done about the unabated contamination of the air we breathe and the water we drink? WHY are our rights as working men and women being threatened by repressive legislation aimed at stopping our efforts to achieve a measure of justice and dignity for ourselves and our families?

WHY is government not working for people? The reason government is not working for the people of the 40th Assembly District is that we have had Alex P. Garcia as our representative in Sacramento since 1968. Garcia has failed and ignored us consistently. His continued absence from the Assembly floor has prohibited him from voting on major issues which not only affect us, but all Californians. By his absence, he has failed to serve us, the people, by whom he is being paid to represent. There is no greater travesty than an elected official who does not do his job at the expense of people's rights and lives.

Unfortunately, Garcia was re-elected in 1970 because there was no opposition to him in the primary election. But this time we have a choice. This year we can vote for a man who is young AND experienced in government service. We can elect ART TORRES to represent us as our Assemblyman for the 40th Assembly District.

ART TORRES says: "Mr. Garcia was absent almost 50% of the time last year. If I were absent that much from my job I would have been fired years ago. And even when Garcia does show up he votes against the interests of our district and the people he is supposed to represent. Government must work for people. It is about time that we start cleaning up house and elect representatives who will work for people and not for the wealthy and powerful special interests of this state."



...ART TORRES is working hard for tax reform....

One of the greatest inequities of our district is in the area of taxation. We pay a higher percentage of our incomes on state taxes than people living in Beverly Hills.

Property and sales taxes take a greater percentage of the low-income, working and middle-income families' budgets than the wealthy. We are victims of a regressive tax. Capitol investment and personal income taxes are riddled with loopholes, enabling the large corporations and hundreds of the wealthiest to escape their fair share of all such taxation.

For example, big companies like Occidental Life Insurance don't have to pay taxes on the property where their main headquarters is located. So Occidental pays no property taxes on its building downtown, even though it only uses a few of the building's floors and rents the others out as office space. And you may wonder why the Occidental Building has a bridge from it to another building. To avoid property taxes. By connecting the two large office buildings with a bridge, Occidental can claim they are really one building and thus not pay property taxes.

Yet, our people in the 40th Assembly District pay up to two and a half times more taxes on our homes than we did last year. According to Rosalio and Elvira Jimenez, residents of City Terrace: "Last year we paid \$325 in property taxes; this

year we are expected to pay close to \$800 in property taxes. But we have no water pressure, no drains. Water comes down our street like a little river. The water mains are always leaking. I'm interested in getting those taxes reduced, now.

Don Ragland, also a resident of the 40th Assembly District, says: "I paid \$200 more in property taxes this year, but there has been no one who would fight for us. Maybe now it will be different." Other homeowners say that they are being charged taxes for services they have not even received from the county.

ART TORRES, our candidate for Assemblyman, favors increasing taxes on banks, insurance companies and corporations and lowering the tax burden on our people. If elected, ART TORRES will introduce and fight for legislation to:

- * Authorize cities and counties to receive and explore new sources of revenue to further relieve pressures on the local tax.
- * Eliminate preferential tax write-offs for capital gain by treating all capital gains (i.e., wages, salaries, interest, dividends, etc.) as taxable income for home sales.
- * Establish a minimum income tax to assure that the wealthy will assume some state income tax obligation in spite of tax write-offs and investment manipulations.
- * Increase the taxes at the upper end of the income scale. The income tax with its "progressive" abilities and capacities for growth should be emphasized and property tax de-emphasized.
- * Increase bank, corporate, and insurance tax rates.
- * Increase the state school Fund to cover inflationary costs, thereby relieving the main pressure on the local property taxpayer.
- * Reduce property taxes by increasing the present property tax exemption.
- * Eliminate the oil and gas depletion allowance, over and above business losses. Terms like "oil depletion allowance" and "farm subsidies" are just fancy words for the welfare of the big corporations get at our expense. Under present law, oil and gas companies are able to write off up to 18 times their losses by deducting 27% of their gross income each year.

Garcia Fails on Tax Reform

SACRAMENTO, California -- Alex P. Garcia has failed to sponsor or support meaningful tax relief for those on fixed incomes (working families, senior citizens, middle-income citizens) who are caught in the web of rising prices and taxes. Garcia has supported tax measures which offer only the appearance of relief by switching the property tax to increased taxes on other items such as those on sales, liquor or gasoline. These measures would NOT lift the unfair burden of taxes that we have to pay. For some reason, Garcia is not concerned about making the wealthy and the rich corporations pay their share of the taxes. He has NEVER sponsored legislation or provided any leadership on property tax reform. And we are the victims of Garcia's lack of leadership.

William and Virginia Wolf of City Terrace say: "We have tried to communicate our concerns about property taxes to Assemblyman Garcia, but he never bothers to come back into the community to see what is happening to the people he is supposed to represent. That is why we are supporting ART TORRES for Assemblyman. ART is really trying to help us get organized so that together we can do something about property taxes."



Torres for
Assemblyman
on June 6!

...ART TORRES is struggling to provide better education for our children....

Our schools are condemned while our children go uneducated in over-crowded and underfunded classrooms. The Government's answer -- Bussing -- ignores the poor conditions of our neighborhood schools. But the California Supreme Court ruled that school funds must be distributed on the basis of need.

ART TORRES is presently seeking legal redress for elementary schools excluded from Title I Compensatory Education Funds. ART discovered Federal and State guidelines discriminating against Spanish-speaking children. He works closely with local community parent groups to end this injustice.

In the struggle to better our education system, ART TORRES also works with many Church groups, including Las Hermanas, a national Catholic Sister's Association. Sister Clarita Trujillo, chairman of Las Hermanas in Los Angeles and member of the organization's Farmworker Committee says: "Last January ART agreed to serve on the advisory board for our national organization. Las Hermanas support ART TORRES for Assemblyman because we are convinced of his concern for our educational problems. We believe he is working for the good of the total community."

Sister Dolores Martinez, a School Sister of Notre Dame who serves on the Education and Immigration Committee of Las Hermanas agrees with Sister Clarita: "One of our schools is included in those dropped from Title I funds and we need those funds. ART always takes the time to come to our school meetings, to meet our people and to fight for us on important issues. I believe in a man like that and I'll vote for him any day."



Garcia Disregards Our Educational Needs

SACRAMENTO, California -- During the 1971 Session of the California State Legislature, Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia showed a blatant disregard for the educational needs of our Assembly District. Garcia failed to vote for the following major aid to education bills:

- AB 47 would authorize public aid to private, non-profit institutions of higher education. Garcia absent.

- AB 551 would have prohibited bussing of school children without written permission of parent or guardian. Garcia absent.

- AB 99 would have provided legislative scholarships for undergraduate higher education study in each district. Garcia absent.

- AB 2675 would have required ethnic studies classes in our California Community Colleges. Garcia absent.

- AB 725 would have required the Department of Education to use Federal Funds to prevent and eliminate racial and ethnic imbalances in our public schools. Garcia absent.

- AB 115 -- would have provided special training for Spanish-speaking pupils. Garcia absent.

- AB 144 would have provided \$250 million for our state schools. All Republicans abstained. Garcia absent.

- AB 285 would have provided \$3.3 million to the support of the University of California. Garcia absent.

- SB 168 would have provided a \$160 million bond issue for the support of our Community Colleges. Garcia absent.

- SB 698 -- would have authorized over \$3.5 million for the State and Community Colleges' Educational Opportunity Programs. Garcia absent.

- SB 1020 -- would have appropriated over \$1.8 million to finance bi-lingual and bi-cultural education programs. Garcia absent.

- SB 890 would have provided students of public schools the right to distribute printed material or circulate petitions and exercise freedom of expression. Garcia absent.

- SB 101 would have provided facilities of the University of California and State Colleges much needed pay increases. Garcia absent.

The rare times when Alex P. Garcia did show up to vote on education issues, he voted against the interests of our district. He voted against the repealing of the Wakefield Bussing Law (AB 612). Garcia voted against SB 433 which would have granted student body money to be used for students to have a legislative advocate in Sacramento.

...ART TORRES welcomes young people to help better our community...

Many of us in the 40th Assembly District are young people who will be voting on June 6th. ART TORRES believes that we have a vital role in bettering our community. A large number of young people are working hard on ART's campaign and many more will vote for him on June 6th. ART inspires us to action because he takes the time to talk to us at school or anywhere else we may be to discuss the serious problems we face today.

ART TORRES invites us to work with him: "If we are going to start a new type of government, we need a new type of politics where people work for people. The time is over when you could go to school, do your homework, watch TV and not care about what is happening to the people around you. We must each take the responsibility to do our share for people. That's why we have to start working together."

We are always hearing that as young people, we are the future of tomorrow. We are always the future. We hear it from our teachers and our parents. But ART TORRES says: "I'm not going to tell you that you are the future. You are NOW. You are needed NOW to start making government work for people."

Garcia Has No Confidence In Young People

SACRAMENTO, California -- Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia's record in offices demonstrated an arrogant lack of confidence in the young people of the 40th Assembly District. A bill was presented to the 1970 Session of the State Legislature which sought to lower the age of majority from 21 years to 18. Garcia's action? Absence.

Garcia apparently did not think it was worth bothering to vote for the following bills of great concern to young people:

- AB 334 -- asked the lowering of the age requirement for serving as a juror from 21 to 18 years of age. Garcia absent.

- SB 524 -- sought to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 for the purpose of circulating initiative petitions. Garcia absent.

...ART TORRES is battling to protect our air, water and parks...

Our environment in the 40th Assembly District is deteriorating rapidly. We must start cleaning up the air we breathe and the water we drink. We need to protect our parks and other recreational facilities.

ART TORRES tells us "protecting our air, water and parks will take a lot of manpower. Manpower means new jobs, and we must start now to get these jobs." We must start working together to make our community a decent and healthful place in which to raise our families.

Garcia Refuses to Fight For Us

SACRAMENTO, California -- Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia's performance on environmental issues during the 1971 Session of the State Legislature was incredibly poor:

Air Pollution

- AB 67 -- would have established air pollution standards. Garcia absent.

- AB 399 -- would have required a timetable for the gradual reduction of lead content in gasoline. Garcia absent.

- ACA 16 -- would have allowed the use of gas tax revenues for air pollution control and the development of mass transit if approved by the voters in 1972. Garcia absent.

- AB 701 -- would have required the Air Resources Board to establish standards and regulations for motor vehicle fuel additives. Garcia absent.

- SB 578 -- would have required the State Air Resources Board to set standards for exhaust emission devices for 1966 through 1970. Garcia absent.

- SB 658 -- would have required county and regional air pollution boards to hold public hearings when granting air pollution variances and authorized Air Resources Board to revoke any variance granted by a county or regional district. Garcia absent.

- SB 789 -- would have specified allowable exhaust emissions of carbon monoxide beginning with 1975 model cars. Garcia absent.

Noise

- AB 1054 -- would have prohibited any private or commercial aircraft which produces noise in excess of federal limits for subsonic jet aircraft from landing or taking off in California. Garcia absent.

- SB 689 -- would have required the Department of Public Health to establish minimum noise standards for machinery, equipment and appliances used within and around the home. Garcia absent.

Land and Water

- AB 150 -- would have provided a limiting of oil and gas leases within the Santa Barbara Channel. Garcia absent.

- AB 2199 -- would have required tax on auto parts to purchase beaches and open spaces around metropolitan areas. Garcia absent.

- AB 1300 -- would have required Real Estate Commissioner to issue a public report on a land project only if the proposed sale of land is fair, just and equitable. Garcia absent.

- AB 1258 -- would have prohibited the manufacture or sale in California of any soap or synthetic detergent containing phosphorus after December 31, 1974. Garcia absent.

- AB 1526 -- would have prohibited oil and gas extraction in the Santa Barbara Channel after April 1, 1972. Garcia absent.

- AB 3066 -- would have provided a \$250 million bond issue on the ballot in 1972, to acquire parks, beaches and recreational facilities. Garcia absent.

- AB 395 -- would have required cities and counties to investigate conditions relating to land access to navigable waters prior to the issuance of a building permit or approval of a subdivision or zoning variance for land in question. Garcia absent.

- SB 678 -- would have authorized Attorney General to intervene or bring action for damages to the environment or natural resources. Garcia absent.

- SB 782 -- would have allowed more money from state highway construction funds to be used for landscaping and planting along state highways. Garcia absent.

Why does Garcia refuse to fight for us?

...ART TORRES is defending the right of senior citizens to a life of dignity and justice....

The senior citizens of the 40th Assembly District say: "We are tired of being ignored and mistreated. We are a forgotten people. Our dignity, income and homes are being ravaged by an insensitive government. We need an Assemblyman who will fight for our rights."

Housing. ART TORRES understands that those of us who are on pensions cannot afford ever-rising rents. ART is fighting to obtain rental supplements for us so that we can have a place to live.

ART knows we need more housing. The hotels downtown are decayed firetraps. ART TORRES says: "When you talk about the most neglected group of people, we are not talking about an ethnic minority, but about an age group. Senior citizens are being discriminated against in housing and in pensions. They are forced to retire at age 65 irrespective of any talents or skills they may have at that time."

"For example, during the early sixties we were told there was going to be a move to provide low-income housing for senior citizens and poor people. So all

the beautiful homes near the Music Center which could have been remodeled were torn down," explains ART TORRES. "But what resulted was not housing for senior citizens and the poor. What resulted was one of the most exclusive residential apartment complexes in the City of Los Angeles: Bunker Hill Towers."

Property taxes. Rising property taxes are threatening to rob us of our homes, homes we've spent a lifetime to purchase. ART TORRES is fighting to extend the property tax exemption for senior citizens. He favors putting an end to property taxes for pensioners with incomes less than \$2500.

Transportation. We need help in cutting our transportation costs. Many of us are too old to drive cars or can't afford the high premiums senior citizens are charged for auto insurance. We can't afford taxi cabs either. So the bus system is the only way we have of getting around.

"I think we must make transportation available to every senior citizen at very

low, low rates. The RTD wouldn't lose too much money by doing that," declares ART TORRES. "But you need to have an Assemblyman who is willing to go to City Council and fight for you because the City Council has jurisdiction over that type of utility and could force RTD to lower its rates for senior citizens."

Health services. ART TORRES understands we need better health services and medical care. He will help us to keep the Governor from taking away the benefits we still have and to obtain more and better benefits.

Recreation. Our senior citizen centers are the lowest funded programs in the state. Senior citizen centers such as Evergreen, Euclid and Lafayette Park are neglected and forgotten. ART TORRES knows it is unfair: "You, the senior citizens of this district, have spent your lives working and producing for this country. You have paid more than your full share in taxes for government. You deserve a life of dignity and justice."

Garcia Doesn't Care About Senior Citizens

SACRAMENTO, California -- Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia has shown no interest in proposing legislation to meet the needs of the senior citizens living in the 40th Assembly District.

Last year the State Legislature passed a bill increasing the senior citizens' property tax exemption. It was a weak bill. Several other bills provided larger increases that would have been more equitable. But Garcia failed to introduce or support a stronger bill.

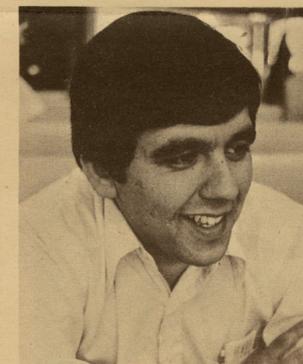
...ART TORRES is fighting for tenants' rights....

Many of us in the 40th Assembly District are tenants, which means that we pay rent for our housing. We need laws that protect us against unscrupulous landlords and to provide income tax credits to renters who pay property taxes indirectly, but receive no exemptions. ART TORRES is fighting for an income tax credit to renters.

Garcia Ignores Tenants' Rights

SACRAMENTO, California -- During the 1971 session of the California State Legislature, Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia demonstrated a complete lack of concern for the tenants of the 40th Assembly District. Garcia was absent and failed to vote for AB 1189 which would have prohibited landlords from withholding rental or cleaning deposits not reasonably necessary to remedy tenant defaults in payment of rents or damages.

Also, Garcia did not bother to vote for AB 1408, which would have made landlords liable for damages to the tenant if he cuts off the tenant's utilities for purposes of eviction.



Vote

ART TORRES
on June 6th!



...ART TORRES leads in defending our rights as consumers....

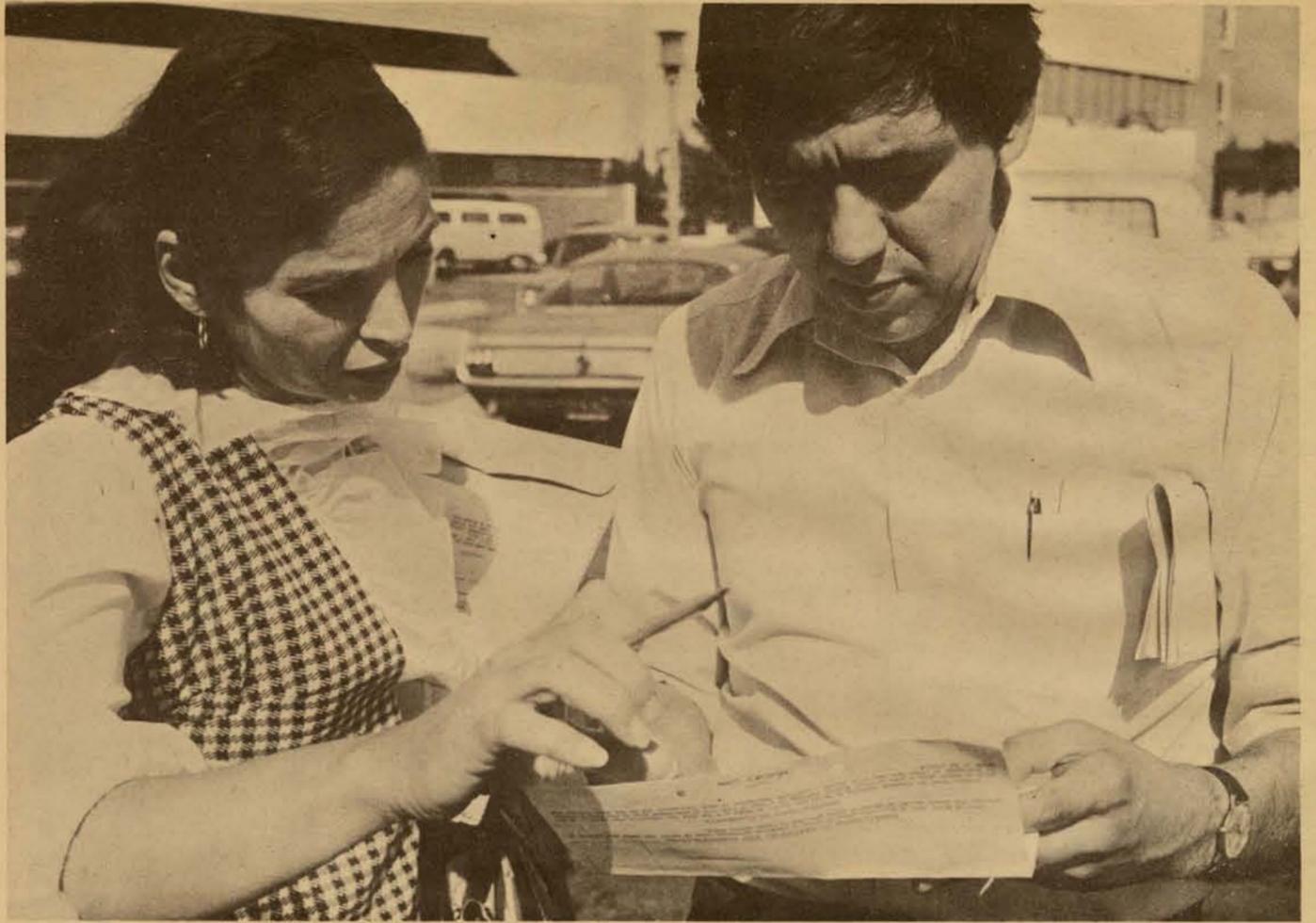
ART TORRES is concerned with our right to fair goods and services for money paid. He has worked as a consumer's advocate before the Legislature. ART is working to insure that local consumer protection agencies have the power and the will to safeguard us from fraud and misrepresentation. We can trust ART TORRES.

Garcia is NO Leader

SACRAMENTO, California -- Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia's record shows he is no leader. Through his negligence he has ignored the rights of debtors by allowing personal property brokers to increase their interest fees. He has allowed funeral directors to hide prices and profits at the expense of bereaved customers. He has permitted the fees and activities of employment agencies to go unchecked.

In the last legislative session, Garcia was absent and failed to vote for bills that would have established unit pricing of groceries. Garcia's absenteeism also kept him from voting for AB 1144 which would have provided that upon request for sales, services and secured loan contracts, the customer could have a copy of the contract in Spanish or English.

Garcia has ignored the efficient regulation of reporting by hospitals as to their health care costs and the lack of state assistance in controlling the mass pesticide poisoning of farmworkers in California. He has also ignored the increasing problem of venereal disease by failing to vote on legislation establishing sex education courses on V.D.



...ART TORRES is fighting to strengthen our rights as American citizens....

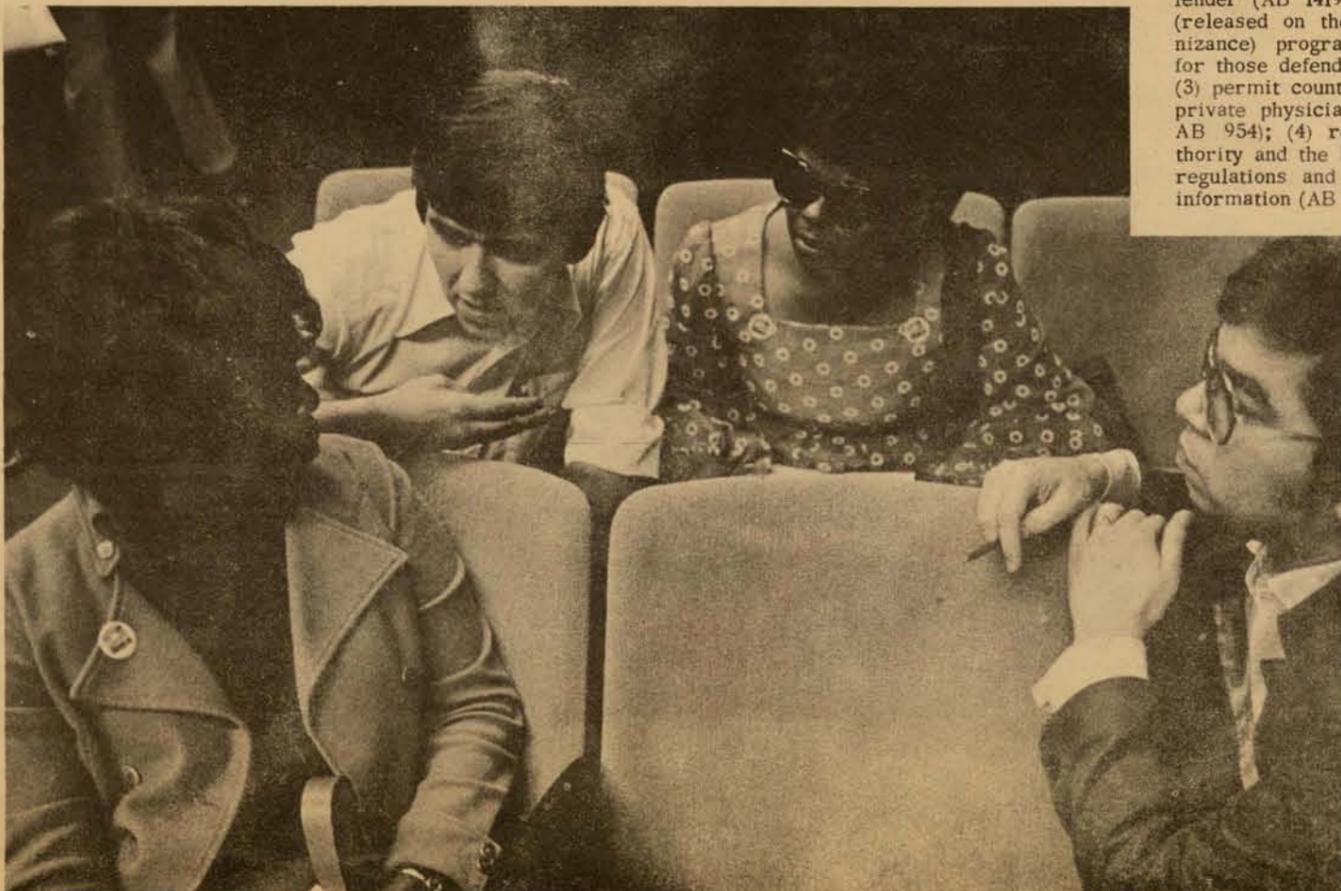


ART TORRES believes that only when we have justice for all can we enjoy real peace and tranquility. When people are treated unfairly the consequences are detrimental to our whole community. That is why ART is striving to strengthen the civil rights of our entire community.

Garcia Never Shows Up To Vote on Civil Rights

SACRAMENTO, California -- Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia has ignored the rights of our Spanish-speaking sisters and brothers (as outlined in the 1970 California Supreme Court decision; CASTRO v. CALIFORNIA) by failing to vote on bills which sought to provide a Spanish language ballot, Spanish proceedings at the polls and Spanish-speaking registrars of voters. Garcia even failed to show up to vote on HIS OWN BILL which sought to give voter instructions in Spanish.

Garcia has also disregarded the rights of defendants by being absent during the voting on bills which sought to: (1) establish the office of the State Public Defender (AB 1419); (2) establish the O.R. (released on the defendant's own recognition) programs throughout California for those defendant's unable to afford bail; (3) permit county jail prisoners access to private physicians and treatment (1970 - AB 954); (4) require all the Adult Authority and the Department of Corrections regulations and rules to be made public information (AB 2709 and AB 2710).



...ART TORRES is ready to put himself on the line for working men and women....



Those of us in the 40th Assembly District who are working men and women know the importance of having elected representatives who will stand up and fight by our side. ART TORRES will be that kind of Assemblyman.

"Having been raised in a family of union butchers and presently a member of CSEA, the union movement and its protection are close to my heart," says ART TORRES. "My experience in representing the United Farm Workers before the State Legislature in Sacramento, has also given me a more in-depth appreciation of the problems faced by working men and women today. If elected, I know I will be a much stronger voice for labor in Sacramento."

ART TORRES knows that only a strong union movement will ensure decent wages and working conditions, job security, and other benefits for ourselves and our families. Only a strong union movement can put us in a position to help other poor people build their unions too.

The Right of Public Employees to Strike. ART TORRES stands with us in opposition to compulsory arbitration. ART believes that "a third party telling both management and the union representatives what their agreement should be destroys the union's right to negotiate a fair and equitable contract."

ART TORRES feels that public employees should have the right to strike and would encourage the adoption of legislation similar to that accepted in Hawaii and Pennsylvania. These states recognize the right to strike by public employees, but provide for a 60-day cooling-off period and the appointment of a five-member board; two representatives from the management of the public agency and one public citizen. It is to this board that the public employees would give their intention to strike and the 60-day period is invoked. During this time the key posts of the agencies (especially in the case of firemen and the police) are kept open for health and safety

of the general public. This alternative to the public employee problem protects both the public employee's right to strike and at the same time the best interests of the public to be affected by such a strike.

Professional Strikebreakers. ART TORRES knows there is no greater threat to the working man or woman on strike than the arbitrary and unjust use of professional strikebreakers by an employer. "If elected, I would introduce and support legislation which would outlaw the use of professional strikebreakers," declares ART. We need more aggressive and active advocates of our policies in Sacramento, not anti-labor voting records.

Farmworker Legislation. ART TORRES has been in the forefront in the struggle to preserve the right of farmworkers to Strike and Boycott. In 1971, ART was instrumental in helping to defeat AB 964-Cory, an anti-farmworker bill designed to destroy the United Farm Workers. If elected, ART TORRES will do everything possible to avoid the passage of all anti-labor legislation, especially in order to protect a new and growing Union like the one being built through the efforts of Cesar Chavez and the farmworkers.

The National Labor Relations Act. ART TORRES strongly favors the introduction in Congress of legislation to repeal Section 14b of the NLRA. This provision allows our enemies to push for repressive, anti-union legislation at the state level.

Also, the recent trend to adopt a so-called "Right to Work" amendment is growing in this state and country, especially with the help of wealthy, anti-union forces in industry. The acceptance would be a dangerous threat to all unions and their members. ARTTORRES has the energy and the concern necessary to help stop anti-union attacks on labor.

The Minimum Wage. The minimum wage in California has not been raised since 1965. ART TORRES is committed to taking steps to help increase the minimum wage on an equal basis.

Workmen's Compensation Delays. We need more referees to handle the large caseload of Workmen's Compensation cases. At present, if we are hurt on the job, we must wait close to six months to get a hearing and then wait another six months to get a "quick" decision. This places us in a poor bargaining position with the powerful and rich insurance companies. Since we need money to live on and provide for our families, the insurance companies can take advantage of our situation and force us to settle a case for much less than it is worth. ART TORRES is committed to stop this injustice.

Industrial Accident Violations. Fifty-four workers were killed in industrial accidents in Los Angeles County last year. Yet the Department of Industrial Relations has been cut back in terms of safety enforcement personnel and deputy labor commissioners.

We need a new and dynamic voice in Sacramento, a spokesman who is aware of our problems and who puts his neck on the line for us so that he can be counted. We can be sure that if elected, ART TORRES will ACT forcefully and aggressively for working men and women as our Assemblyman in Sacramento.



Garcia Has Betrayed Working People

SACRAMENTO, California - During the 1971 Session of the State Legislature, Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia betrayed the working men and women of this state as the only Democrat to side with agribusiness interests and casting the deciding vote with the Republicans to vote AGAINST the farmworkers by permitting AB 964-Cory to get out of the Assembly Labor Relations Committee.

Garcia betrayed labor again by voting against AB 490-Roberti, which would have outlawed the use of professional strikebreakers.

In January 1972, Garcia introduced a bill to take away the peace officer status of investigators who are supposed to enforce the labor laws in California. Is Garcia a management employee?

During late March 1972, Garcia endorsed Helen Kennedy for the City Council of San Gabriel against Richard Montes, a labor law attorney who was endorsed by AFL-CIO. Helen Kennedy happens to be part-owner of the Kennedy Billboards in Los Angeles. Is a billboard more important than electing a qualified and labor-endorsed Chicano? Ask Garcia . . . if you can find him.

Not only has Garcia voted against the interests of working men and women, but in 1971 he also failed labor on the following bills:

- AB 2399 -- would have provided state assistance to control the mass poisoning of farmworkers by pesticides. Garcia absent.
- AB 841 -- would have allowed payment of workmen's compensation benefits for a worker whose health or disability is caused or aggravated by a refusal to submit to medical treatment. Garcia absent.
- AB 486 -- would have provided an increase in the maximum weekly benefits under workmen's compensation for temporary and permanent disability. Garcia absent.
- AB 30 -- would have extended the minimum wages of women and minors to include men. Garcia absent.
- AB 795 -- would have extended the jurisdiction of the Fair Employment Practices Commission to social clubs, charitable, fraternal and educational associations not organized for profit. Garcia absent.
- AB 844 -- would have provided for the selection of collective bargaining agents for public employees. Garcia absent.



ART TORRES is trusted and supported by working people in the 40th Assembly District. The United Auto Workers-Local #808, the United Rubber Workers-Local #100, the Brown Caucus-California Democratic Council, the Americans for Democratic Action and the Social Workers Union-Local #535 have officially endorsed ART TORRES FOR ASSEMBLYMAN.



... ART TORRES is committed to making government work for people....

ART TORRES, the people's candidate for Assemblyman from the 40th Assembly District, is committed to making government work for people. ART speaks out on the issues strongly and clearly. And he backs up his words with hard work. Instead of placing himself far above us, he stands beside us ready and willing to struggle for OUR rights, OUR needs, OUR interests.

And to do this, he will bring government to us. "Right now, the state provides each legislator with a certain amount of money, about \$165 a month, to lease a brand-new luxury automobile," explains ART TORRES. "That's a waste of the people's hard-earned money. I propose we use that money to get a van and convert it into a mobile office, and we will be there. We will come to people."

People shouldn't have to come to government to ask for service when it is the people who pay government to represent them in the first place. ART TORRES declares: "The present Assemblyman Alex P. Garcia, is not interested in serving people. His office is located downtown on Spring Street and opens from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a working class district, this is NOT Beverly Hills. Working men and women do not get home until after 5:00 p.m. and by that time it is too late to call the man they are paying to represent them."

ART TORRES explains his way of serving us: "Our office must be in the community! It must be an office that doesn't require a \$2.00 parking charge. It must be an office that opens for working class people. At least once a week, the District office has to be open until 10:00 p.m. And it has to be open on Saturdays. My staff will consist of persons willing to give and sacrifice for people."

If government is going to work for people, an Assemblyman should be on top of the issues which affect his community. ART TORRES declares: "Obviously no man is a mind-reader. You will have to write or come to our office on personal problems. But it is absurd to think that a legislator has to be told about the bankruptcy of the Los Angeles School District. It is ridiculous that an elected official has to be told by the people he is representing that this is a concern and a need of the community."



ART TORRES and Cesar Chavez, Director of the United Farm Workers discuss the serious community problems facing us in the 40th Assembly District. ART is the first political candidate in Los Angeles to receive active farmworker support since the farmworkers came to campaign for our fallen brother, the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, during the 1968 Presidential Primary.

"We have got to change all of that," says ART TORRES. "You don't have to come to me, I will come to you. That is the way it has to change. You don't need to write letters to convince me of things that our community needs. We've known for fifty years what the problems are. We've run out of time for more studies, more analyses, more evaluations. The time has come for action."

With ART TORRES as our Assemblyman we will be able to work together to redeem our community. Together we will be able to make government work for people. ART TORRES for Assemblyman on June 6th.



Garcia's attendance record on major pieces of legislation is a DISGRACE to our people!

- In 1970 Garcia was absent 40.6 of the time.
- In 1971 Garcia was absent 47.7 of the time.

We want an Assemblyman who will always show up to work hard and fight for our rights, our needs and our interests. We want an Assemblyman who works for people. We want ART TORRES to be our Assemblyman from the 40th Assembly District!

Vote for
**ART
TORRES**



on June 6th!

ASSEMBLYMAN 40th DISTRICT

ARTHUR A. TORRES, Democrat
SENATOR'S FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Dear ART,

I want to work with you to make government work for people. I am willing to do the following:

- Walk precincts.
- Help with office work.
- Telephone calls from my home.
- Speak in your behalf at _____
- Arrange for you to speak at _____
- Contribute \$_____ to your campaign.
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