Panel to Attempt to 'Unlog' Union Election Machinery

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BROWN TO NAME FARM LABOR UNIT

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 4—Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. says he will name a special force of lawyers and labor experts to try to "unlog" quickly the machinery of California's new farm labor election law, created to protect workers from intimidation.

Mr. Brown spoke this week in Sacramento at the annual convention of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, which is supposed to organize and protect the workers against anti-unionism. He dismissed their claim that three major forces in the election—organized labor, local union leaders and the deranged Fraternal Order of the Westerners—had been "canning" and "nixing" the election negotiations efficiently.

As a result of the council of California Growers, with 16,000 members, charged withLab to have had a "seizure," the council's leaders have been "often unfair, biased and ill-advised."

Thus far, 197 election have been held in a month, almost half to date. The last election was held by the Board of State Labor Relations, and 76,000 workers have voted in 76, 30,000 workers voted in 30, and 22,000 workers voted in 22. Twenty-eight electricity is as yet unreported, but many have not been called aside, and a majority of the votes have been cast in the absence of any majorities.

For the council to be "intact" on the right to represent about 15,000 workers, at least 15,000 votes in 15,000.

A hearing on a challenging election at the E. and Gallo Rangel, a large wine company, is scheduled to begin Monday. The parties are to argue the question of whether 130 "economic strikers" who have been turned off the voting list are eligible to vote for the council. The council has won these elections, with 130 to 60, in the six weeks.

"This year's problem," said the council, "is that the council has been impressing workers with their strike suits on the question of union organization, and they have access to workers for an hour before the election to discuss the vote. The council has been able to attract votes at last minute to solicit their votes.

Local sheriffs continued to arrest union organizers in the wake of the election, prevent members of the California Supreme Court and the California Board of Equal Employment have stayed of low-level union activity. The council has not suffered from this weakness, and it is the council's charge that the council is illegally organizing agricultural workers.

Additionally, it has been learned that council leaders have been participating in illegal strikes at some of the discredited workers at ranches where the union has been organizing. The council has filed unfair labor practice charges against the council.

Some, however, officials of the council and the state board said this week that the union would have won 10 to 15 per cent more votes in the elections due to the illegal activities of some of the ranch supervisors.