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Oxnard, Calif.  
Press Courier  
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## Sacramento Summary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Friday, May 14  
THE GOVERNOR

Sent a letter to federal anti-poverty chief Frank Carlucci saying his administration has proof that California Rural Legal Assistance illegally helped Cesar Chavez' farm workers union.

THE ASSEMBLY  
Constitutional Amendment  
Approved

Voters — Would allow naturalized citizens to register to vote immediately rather than wait 90 days after naturalization; ACA 21, Roberti, D-Los Angeles.

### Bills Passed

Smog — Would require auto manufacturers to warranty new cars to meet state antismog standards for five years or 50,000 miles; AB 937, Biddle, R-Riverside. Would give state Air Resources Board authority to set antismog standards for 1955

through 1965 model cars; AB 936, Biddle. Would give Air Resources Board authority to step in if regional antismog board doesn't enforce antismog laws; AB 637, Schabarum, R-Covina.

University — Would extend more liberal disability benefits now granted Highway Patrolmen to University of California policemen and firemen; AB 226, MacGillivray, R-Santa Barbara, and AB 244, Knox, D-Richmond.

Small claims — Would raise the limit for small claims court cases from \$300 to \$500; AB 1142, Brathwaite, D-Los Angeles

### Resolutions Adopted

Oil — Urges President and Congress to enact legislation to protect against future oil spills similar to San Francisco Bay spill; SJR 10, Behr, R-Mill Valley.

Phosphates — Asks state agencies to look for substitutes

for phosphate detergents at state institutions; ACR 51, Fong, D-Oakland.

Commodities — Urges President and Congress to take immediate action to improve distribution of surplus farm products to undernourished persons in United States and foreign countries; SJR 1, Collier, D-Yreka.

Memorial — Honors the late State Sen. James E. Busch of Lake and Mendocino counties; SCR 65, Collier.

### Resolutions Introduced

Lights — Would order a cost-benefits study of turning lights off at night in state office buildings; ACR 103, Burton, D-San Francisco.

San Quentin — Would order a study of whether San Quentin Prison should be retained, abolished or replaced; ACR 102, Bagley, R-San Rafael.

### THE SENATE

No major action.

Barstow, Calif.  
Desert Dispatch  
(Cir. 4XW 5,453)

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The memo was dated April 2 and was sent by Robert B. Johnstone of the CRLA El Centro office to Martin Glick, statewide director of CRLA litigation.

One section dealt with a CRLA community worker, Hector Reyes, working almost fulltime out of the UFWOC office in Calexico and charging to CRLA long distance telephone calls to Delano.

Johnstone said the telephone company was instructed last December to refuse all third party calls and only credit calls would be accepted but that a "number" more were made between December and February.



San Diego, Calif.  
Union  
(Gr. L. 146,337 - \$ 252,650)

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# Reagan Starts New CRLA Investigation

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## CHARGES PROBED

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## ASSAILED BY CRLA

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## REPLIES TO CHARGE

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Indio, Calif.  
News  
(Cir. 5 X W. 5:303)

MAY 15 1971

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Reynoso said Robert B. Johnstone of the CRLA El Centro office, who originated the memo, showed "poor judgment" and that the "implications drawn from the document, without explanation, are totally misleading."

"The tone of the memo is regrettable and seems to imply that witnesses will testify to matters as requested by CRLA," he said. "I consider these sort of statements in the memo gross exaggerations because I know several of the people and those persons, if called, will testify to the truth."

One section of the memo by Johnstone to Martin Glick, statewide director of CRLA litigation, contained a notation that "this should self-destruct within 30 seconds after being read."

Long Beach, Calif.  
Independent  
(Cir. 5AW 51,114)

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Press Courier  
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## Reagan Raps CRLA For Encouraging Lies

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Reagan denounced Friday what he labeled as a brazen effort by California Rural Legal Assistance Inc. to coach witnesses and encourage falsehoods.

The Republican governor referred to an 11-page document which was identified as an inter-fice memo between Robert B. Johnstone of CRLA in El Centro and Marty Glick of CRLA headquarters.

CRLA is the war-on-poverty agency designed to aid the poor with legal services. Reagan vetoed CRLA's \$1.8 million 1971 appropriation in December, alleging the group had violated a number of laws and rules.

In passing on the memo Friday to Frank Carlucci, director of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, Reagan declared:

"It is a dishonorable proposal that advocates such practices as coaching witnesses, encouraging falsehoods, etc. It also establishes once and for all the illegal relationship between CRLA and UFWOC."

UFWOC is the Cesar Chavez-led United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Cruz Reynoso, CRLA director, denied the Reagan charges, saying there is nothing illegal about any relations between CRLA and UFWOC.



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# CRLA Disputes Illegality Charge

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Santa Barbara, Calif.  
News Press  
(Cir. D 37,612 - S 39,636)

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Los Angeles, Calif.  
Herald Examiner  
(Ch. 5 312,391)

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San Jose, Calif.  
The News  
(Ch. D. 75.33)

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# REAGAN HAS PROOF AGAINST CRIA

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# Reveals Memo On Chavez Union

By KEITH HEARN

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Reagan's press office distributed copies of the memos to newsmen. Gov. Reagan said today a document that has fallen into his administration's hands proves that California Rural Legal Assistance gave illegal aid to Cesar Chavez' farm workers union.

The Republican governor sent a copy of the document to Frank Carlucci, director of President Nixon's Office of Economic Opportunity and said it "threatens the integrity of the entire legal services program."

He said he would investigate the document and proposed "In order to avoid unnecessary duplication, I recommend that we combine our respective investigations."

The document, alleged to be a memo between CRLA attorneys, was branded by Reagan as "a dishonorable proposal that advocates such practices as coaching witnesses, encouraging falsehoods, etc. . . . The fact that this brazen, open, unclassified proposal was originated by an official of a government funded agency (CRLA) makes it doubly repugnant."

He said any such organization should not be continued.

Reagan vetoed all CRLA funds last December but Carlucci continued the organization for another six months on a temporary grant.

Oakland, Calif.  
Tribune  
(Cir. D 225,028, Sat. 209,931,  
Sun. 251,534)

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## Bank Sued Over Credit Card Lien

An effort to eliminate the so-called "banker's lien" from California law is being made in Federal District Court.

A suit brought against Wells Fargo Bank and its Master Charge credit card charges that the lien, which allows a bank to seize a depositor's assets without notice, is unconstitutional.

The action was filed by California Rural Legal Assistance on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jojola of Ukiah.

They said they were issued an unsolicited credit card which they used in the Christmas season of 1968 to make \$400 in purchases.

Although they made installment payments, they still owed \$200 last November when the bank seized \$163 from their checking account, leaving them only 67 cents.

The Jojolas said they were not notified of this for five days, during which time they wrote 15 checks that bounced. The bank charged them \$4 each for the checks.

Swimming Pool

Culver City, Calif.  
Star News  
(Cir. D 5,627)

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## Reagan may release confidential memo

### SACRAMENTO

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## An Interview With Ronald Reagan

SACRAMENTO—A glance at the Los Angeles Times will tell you that two of the hottest issues in California now are the controversy between the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) and the Reagan administration over the California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) program and, second, the Reagan administration's desire to see at least experimental moves made in the direction of a voucher system in the elementary and secondary schools. So, since I've been in California speaking on college and university campuses, I decided to stop off in Sacramento and see what Governor Reagan had to say on these issues.

I observed to the governor that the entire CRLA issue seems a hard one for the public to focus upon. Various claims and counter-claims are made, the press meanwhile often referring to the legal assistance program as a "model of its kind" despite Reagan's veto of it.

"The CRLA," said Reagan, "was set up to help the rural poor. It envisioned a situation in which a man might be cheated of his wages or pushed around in some other way, and it recognized that he might feel overwhelmed by the prospect of taking his case to court himself. The theory was that OEO would provide free legal assistance through this program. But the implementation has worked out very differently.

"The lawyers in CRLA have all too often been more interested in making ideological points than in doing what they were supposed to do. One woman complained that she was refused advice in a divorce proceeding until she agreed to lend her name to an ideological cause. Lawyers from the CRLA participated in Cesar Chavez demonstrations. Against the rules of the OEO itself, CRLA lawyers took criminal cases. We received many complaints from the very individuals the program was designed to help to the effect that it was doing so at all.

"We made any number of complaints to Washington about these malpractices, and each time we were told that they would be corrected. When nothing actually was done, I found that I just had to veto the program. I concluded that the OEO operation was the greatest instance of the misuse of public funds, the greatest example of lack of accountability, untold thousands upon thousands of dollars disappearing, in the history of the state.

"It's a funny thing", the governor contin-

ued. "Ever since we got into this fight with the OEO, we have been having all sorts of trouble with other segments of the bureaucracy. Things keep cropping up. Now this issue is usually presented to the public as a fight between the Reagan administration and the Nixon Administration in Washington, but this is totally wrong. The bureaucracy doesn't care any more about the Nixon Administration than it cares about us. The



Jeffrey  
Hart

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President himself has had plenty of trouble with the bureaucracy in Washington."

I asked the governor whether he was optimistic about winning this fight.

"Oh," he said smiling. "I'm always optimistic. But we will see."

Changing the subject, I noted that a few days before, speaking in San Diego, I had mentioned the "voucher system" of supporting pre-college education, and that the passing mention of the idea had drawn cheers and applause from the audience. I had thought that the voucher system was a good idea, but I had not thought that it was an emotional issue among the citizenry.

"I know there are some problems with it," the governor said, "but I've been begging for it to be tried experimentally in a few districts. The principle is sound. It would bring some choice into schooling, it would avoid the whole church-state issue since it would be helping individuals and not institutions, and I think the very introduction of choice would improve education by forcing the schools to meet the needs of the students more satisfactorily."

I had been surprised that morning by a long editorial in the Los Angeles Times denouncing the whole voucher idea. "There have been quite a few changes in personnel there recently," the governor said. "The Los Angeles Times now more or less echoes the Washington Post."

We went on to talk in a wide-ranging way about some national issues and I shall report on the Governor's view in my next column.

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# Memo Links Chavez, CRLA

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## Reagan orders full investigation of CRLA

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"Our position on this is that we never authorized it and that

since we discovered this we issued immediate instructions to the telephone company (I believe last December) that we would accept no more billings to this number on third party calls and that only credit calls would be accepted," the memo said.

More calls from the CRLA Calexico office to Delano on Reyes' credit card were recorded, however, between last December and February, the document states.

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"This document has been taken out of context and gives a totally misleading view of the true facts," said Reynoso. He did not question the authenticity of the memo.

Reynoso added that when CRLA learned of the credit card charges for calls to the union office, Reyes was billed for them. Reynoso said they only amount to about \$10.

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COPIES TO NEWSMEN

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All four no votes came from Republicans. One said it would mean "a monumental tax increase" to pass the budget that way.

It boosts the Republican governor's original \$6.74 billion economy budget to almost \$7.5 billion and it would need almost \$1 billion in new taxes to be balanced.

"This protects the life support items of the people," said Sen. Stephen P. Teale, D-West Point as he proposed that the committee ignore Reagan's welfare reform program in preparing to send its budget to the full Senate, probably by the middle of next week.

and contend the state needs a tax increase anyway to pay for other programs — like new public school aid — that weren't in Reagan's budget.

By leaving welfare under present budgeting procedures, spending for the year starting July 1 would run \$816.6 million, according to Reagan budget figures. The Finance Committee also added \$146 million in the Welfare-related Medi-Cal program of health care for the poor.

Teale said it's impossible to say how much Medi-Cal will cost until legislative fiscal experts can find out how many welfare recipients might be cut from the rolls because of the welfare reform.

The action took a matter of a few minutes with virtually no debate after the committee had haggled for more than an hour over a \$300,000 park planning item.

One of the Republicans voting no was Sen. Clair Burgener, R-San Diego,

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# Reagan Says

By KEITH HEARN  
Associated Press Writer

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## CRLA Gave Illegal Aid

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## Secret Memo

# CRLA Battle 242 Plan Revealed

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# Private CRLA Memo Released

## SACRAMENTO (AP) —

Without explanation, Governor Reagan's staff has given newsmen copies of what the staff says are private memos between two attorneys of the legal aid group Reagan is trying to abolish.

The memos released yesterday revealed nothing substantially new about Reagan's charges against California Rural Legal Assistance Inc. which wasn't in his 283-page report and 8,000 pages of documentation revealed earlier this year.

And Reagan's staff wouldn't say why the 14 pages of supposedly confidential memos were so important to warrant such unusual treatment which puzzled much of the Capitol press corps.

"The attached is for your information," said a terse cover note from Ed Gray, Reagan's associate press secretary.

Gray was asked why his office took the effort to make up dozens of copies of the memos, have his staff distribute them to press rooms and then not give any hint of their importance.

It was done, he said, "because the CRLA issue has attracted the attention of the press and we wanted to make it available to the press on an FYI for your information basis . . .

"However you want to react is your business," he said.

Reagan last December vetoed a \$1.88 million federal Office of Economic Opportunity grant to CRLA, claiming it doesn't adequately serve its function of providing legal aid to the rural poor.

The federal OEO gave CRLA a six-month fund extension and has a three-judge commission now investigating CRLA activities. The new CRLA memos have been submitted to the commission, according to a Thursday letter to Reagan from Lesis K. Uhler, head of the state OEO which channels federal funds to CRLA.

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Although no one in Reagan's or Uhler's offices would say, this presumably referred to a section of one memo about a CRLA employe believed to

have used CRLA's telephone credit card to make numerous calls between UFWOC offices in Delano and Calexico.

Uhler's note to Reagan also said "the documents display a cynical disregard for the integrity of CRLA's proposed witnesses" to the federal commission.

That apparently referred to the capsule sketches of potential witnesses, which said two witnesses know "the CRLA 'law and order' song and dance by heart," another's "bread and hair are probably

contrary to the image we trying to project" and a third "will basically say anything we tell him to."

Gray's note to the press said "certain names contained in press copies of the CRLA memoranda have been blocked out to prevent possibility of harm to innocent persons."

But one press packet he distributed included two copies of a page mentioning county poverty program director one copy with the names, other with them inked out.

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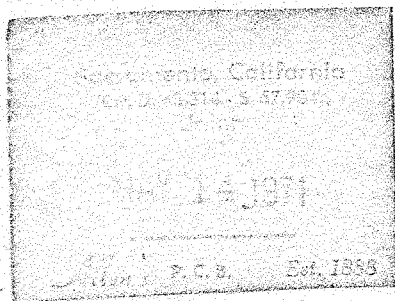
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# OEO Director Reveals 'Cynical' CRLA Memos

Copley News Service

Two inter-office memos of California Rural Legal Assistance lawyers which fell into the hands of Lewis Uhler, director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity, display "a cynical disregard for the integrity of CRLA's proposed witnesses" in a hearing on the OEO-CRLA controversy, Uhler said Thursday.

The memos and a memo from Uhler to Governor Reagan were distributed to the press by Reagan's press office. The memos "speak for themselves," commented Ed Gray, assistant press secretary.

Uhler received the two memos reportedly exchanged by Marty Glick of the CRLA central office and Robert Johnstone of the El Centro CRLA from William Knecht of Berkeley, counsel for F. Douglas McDaniel of El Centro, who has asked to testify at a forthcoming hearing into the OEO-CRLA controversy in El Centro.

The hearing will be part of an investigation into Reagan's veto of CRLA funding by the federal OEO.

**UHLER TOLD** Reagan the memos also "support our contention that CRLA has been directly involved in union (United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee) activities — a deliberate violation of CRLA's grant conditions."

Johnstone allegedly had these comments in a memo to Glick on potential witnesses who might testify in El Centro:

✓ "Our feeling is that some staff member of the clinic (Clinica de Salubridad de Campesinos) should be a witness "but that it probably should not be Mr. (Ventura) Huerta, (the project director) as Mr. Huerta lacks the stage presence in articulation to be a convincing witness."

"From the point of view of articulation and middle class 'apple pie' appearance, Dr. (David) Flaggagan would be the ideal witness to testify to CRLA's involvement with the clinic and related matters."

✓ **DONNA ENGLISH** (of the Imperial County Welfare Department) "exudes loving, middle class concern for the wel-

fare of poor people, and as mentioned above knows by heart the song and dance."

✓ Mr. (name blocked out by governor's press office) is a very convincing, soft-spoken witness on the stand . . . and in addition will basically say anything we tell him to."

✓ City Councilman (name blocked out by governor's press office) "would be a must as a witness and by and large will testify to anything we want him to."

✓ City Councilman (name blocked out) "will testify to anything we wish him to along the 'law and order' lines . . . one drawback is that his son is a CRLA attorney in the Santa Rosa office, which gives some basis for impeachment of his testimony."

✓ Two student leaders in the Imperial Valley (names blocked out): "They will say anything we would want them to and have basically already learned the CRLA song and dance by heart."

In his memo to Glick, Johnstone also reportedly commented on a Uhler charge that the CRLA had been working illegally with UFWOC.

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hundreds of poor farm workers pass through it every day, and he is able to communicate with them in regard to their legal problems he then refers to CRLA . . .

"However, one potentially embarrassing feature of his time there is a large number of telephone calls from that office to the Delano UFWOC office which are billed to our telephone. Our position is that since we discovered this we issued immediate instructions to the telephone company that we would accept no more billings on third party calls and that only credit card calls would be accepted.

"**FROM DECEMBER** to February 1971, a number of credit calls from the Calexico office to Delano on Hector's credit card number were recorded. Hector has reported his credit card as stolen and a new card has been issued and basically our official position on this is that someone must have gotten hold of his card."

In his request to testify, McDaniel said he would say that he observed a CRLA attorney advise picketing UFWOC members on a field June 6, 1970, to violate a restraining order then in force to try to provoke a contempt citation.

Gray said some of the names in the Johnstone memo were blacked out to avoid damaging their reputations since there were implications that they might agree to commit perjury.

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## Reagan Claims Memo Links CRLA Aide, Chavez Farm Union

By Leo Fremstad  
Bee Capitol Bureau

A confidential California Rural Legal Assistance memo which purportedly links an antipoverty agency employee with Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers was sent to Washington today by Gov. Ronald Reagan.

"It establishes once and for all the illegal relationship between CRLA and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC)," the governor wrote Frank Carlucci, director of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

"The document concerns me greatly and threatens the integrity of the entire legal services program," Reagan wrote. "I am ordering an immediate investigation to determine the facts."

CRLA says the memo was "stolen" from its El Centro office. In it CRLA attorney Robert B. Johnstone of El Centro discusses possible witnesses in defense of Reagan administration charges.

### Brawley Resident

The Johnstone memo refers to a Brawley resident who "will basically say things we tell him to." The man's name was blacked out on the copies the governor's office made public.

In it Johnstone also discusses the relationship between Hector Reyes, a CRLA community worker, with the Calexico office of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC).

"For the past four years Mr. Reyes

has basically worked full time out of the United Farm Workers Office in Calexico," Johnstone wrote.

"Since the refunding crisis Mr. Reyes has not been spending time in that office."

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"There is no way that we can deny Hector's presence at the farmworkers' office and I think our best approach to this is to readily admit that he did spend time there in an effort to keep in contact with the farm working poor," said the memo.

Declared State Office of Economic Opportunity Director Lewis K. Uhler in transmitting the documents to Gov. Reagan's office: "The memos support our contention that CRLA has been directly involved in union (UFWOC) activities — a deliberate violation of CRLA's grant conditions."

### Not On Payroll

CRLA Director Cruz Reynoso responded today that for one thing, Reyes has not been on the CRLA payroll for four years. He was hired as a part-time community worker in June 1968, at \$2 an hour, said Reynoso, and did not begin full time work with CRLA until April 1, 1969.

"This document has been taken out of context and gives a totally misleading view of the true facts," said Reynoso. He did not question the authenticity of the memo.

Reynoso added that when CRLA learned of the credit card charges for calls to the union office, Reyes was billed for them. Reynoso said they only amounted to about \$10.

"We will prove the falsity of charges against the El Centro office when the commission holds hearings there," said Reynoso. The federally appointed commission investigating the governor's charges of CRLA misconduct resumes hearings on Monday.



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## OEO Chief Urges Legal Aid Shift

### Judicare's Adoption To Replace CRLA Backed By Uhler

EL CENTRO — State Office of Economic Opportunity director Lewis K. Uhler has advocated the adoption of Judicare to replace California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to provide legal services to the poor.

The OEO director said the Judicare plan would provide for partial payment for the legal services based on the income of the client. The legal plan would employ the services of established attorneys.

Uhler, in an appearance here Tuesday to prepare for hearings by a federal commission here next week, said Judicare would provide more effective service to low-income persons and would encourage the clients to take an active interest in the preparation of legal cases due to the payment of a portion of the fees.

#### 3 RETIRED JUSTICES

The federal commission, composed of two retired state Supreme Court chief justices from Maine and Wisconsin and an associate justice from the state of Colorado, will conduct a two-day hearing May 20-21 on charges of illegal activities by the CRLA based on a report submitted to the national OEO office.

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The national OEO director funded the CRLA for six months pending the outcome of the federal commission hearings and recommendations.

Judicare would be less costly than the CRLA and provide more effective service to the poor, Uhler said.

The legal system proposed by the Reagan administration would involve the services of minority attorneys as well as "establishment" lawyers, he said.

#### 'MORE COMFORTABLE'

"Persons in the low-income category would feel more comfortable and have more confidence in attorneys within their own neighborhood," the state OEO director said.

The program would include self-regulation due to the demands of the clients whose fees would be based on a sliding scale depending upon their income.

Judicare would also assist minority attorneys in private practice with increased business. Most minority attorneys are required to accept government positions due to the lack of private business, he said.

The Judicare program, proposed by the Reagan administration, would establish: (1) fixed level eligibility standards for the poor; (2) sliding scale fees for eligible clients (3) variations of fee schedules, according to location and the nature of the legal claim; and (4) the contribution of a set number of hours by participating attorneys in the counseling of low-income persons with legal problems.

The plan has not been submitted to the state.



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Assemblyman Meade

## New Dimension in State Poverty War Struggle



By KEN MEADE  
Assemblyman, 16th District

SACRAMENTO — A new dimension has been added to the battle between the State's poverty programs, the Legislature, and the State Office of Economic Opportunity.

For the past two years, concerned lawmakers have questioned activities of the State OEO office under Director Lewis Uhler. The ex-Bircher

appointed to the post by Reagan has concentrated his efforts on finding abuses within federally-funded OEO programs.

Using ammunition supplied by the State OEO office, the Governor has vetoed funds for several anti-poverty programs. The hottest issue in this exchange has been with the highly successful California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA).

Last year, the Governor attempted to blunt the effectiveness of CRLA by demanding its directors sign a list of "agreements" in order to gain his approval of federal funds. Among these was a pledge not to sue any government agency for failure to comply with laws.

CRLA has, despite charges from the Governor, basically concerned itself with individual problems of the rural poor. However, it has successfully brought class actions against both private and public agencies to solve problems for thousands of families at one time.

As a result, the Governor has sought a way to eliminate the program completely. He was given support this year in a 283-page report charging CRLA with inefficiencies, outright violations of grant conditions and misuse of funds for aiding the poor.

The report was prepared by the State OEO office. It recommended to the Governor that he veto all funds for CRLA. Reagan was only too happy to comply. In Washington, D.C., federal officials, however, had some reservations.

INSTEAD OF deciding for or against CRLA on the veto question, the Health Education and Welfare Secretary extended the current grant level for another six months and ordered a special three-judge commission to California for hearings.

At this point, the tide began to turn for Uhler and the State OEO. They had moved pretty freely about the State investigating and intimidating local poverty officials. But when the federal commission arrived in San Francisco to take testimony and determine validity of charges against CRLA, Uhler and the State Office, with support from the Governor, refused to appear before them.

REAGAN SAID the commission "did not understand its proper function." He cavalierly told commission members the "State has already proven its accusations," and suggested hearings to be held to seek new information.

"I find it incredible you can file a report charging all kinds of irregularities; then refuse to appear and justify your charges," Assemblyman William Bagley, Marin County Republican told Uhler at a Ways and Means Subcommittee hearing concerning the State OEO.

Testimony during the annual budget hearing on State OEO revealed most of the "exempt" positions filled by Uhler are held by non-minority college graduates from wealthy or middle-class areas. Few, if any, have special qualifications to deal with the poverty sector problems.



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**EMBATTLED COVINAN**

-- Lewis K. Uhler, state  
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The ultimate solution to the cash flow problem is enactment of the withholding form of income tax collection plus either reduced spending or a tax increase.

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Reagan opposes a tax increase.



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## State OEO chief visits Salinas

State OEO Director Lewis Uhler was scheduled to hold a press conference in Salinas this afternoon at which he was to give his views on the struggle going on between his office and the California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA).

The press conference, which was set for 2 p.m. in the Salinas city hall, precedes three days of hearings before a federally appointed panel of judges investigating the dispute.

Those hearings are to be held Monday and Tuesday in Salinas and on Wednesday at Soledad prison.

The Salinas hearings will start at 9 a.m. at city hall and will be open to the public.

The Soledad hearing will be closed to both the public and the press, a situation to which the CRLA has said it would object.

Although a transcript of the Soledad hearing is supposed to be made available to the press on Thursday, with the names of the testifying inmates and guards

deleted, a CRLA spokesman said he doubted this would be the case.

Martin R. Glick, director of litigation for the CRLA, said the hearing was closed at the request of Gov. Reagan's staff; and that he doubts the transcript will be available for another week at the offices of the investigating commission in San Francisco.

Basis for the hearings is Gov. Reagan's charge that the CRLA is involved in political activities and has not met its responsibilities to the poor. The governor vetoed CRLA funds, which were then restored by the federal OEO on an interim basis until the investigation of his charges has been completed.

The state OEO has refused to take part in the hearings, saying it opposed the adversary hearing approach.

The CRLA said the state's refusal to take part in them has denied the CRLA an opportunity to answer the charges leveled at it by the governor.

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## \$7.1 Billion Budget Advances

SACRAMENTO (UPI) —The Assembly Ways and Means Committee early today expanded Gov. Ronald Reagan's proposed state budget by \$318 million and sent the record \$7.1 billion spending program to the Assembly floor.

If enacted the budget would put an increased drain on cash reserves and add substantial weight to tax hike efforts aimed at solving the state's financial problems without cutting programs.

The whopping 1971-72 state budget proposal was approved by the committee on a split voice vote. Assemblyman Willie L. Brown Jr., D-San Francisco, Committee Chairman and House manager of the bill, hopes to take the measure to a floor vote next week.

Reagan had asked the legislature to approve a \$6.73 billion spending plan.

Major features of the enlarged budget include added expenditures of \$82 million for education and salary increases for state employes and higher education faculty members.

University of California and State College faculty received 10 salary increases this year but were given \$39.2 million for 10 per cent wage hikes in the proposed budget.

The spending program also includes \$76.9 million for 5 per cent salary increases for state employes.

The committee approved budgets of \$573 million for welfare and \$589 million for Medi-Cal, just as requested by Reagan. But it inserted provisions to ensure that counties would not be forced to pay the bill if the administration's figures were too low.

Language was included in the budget warning the state Lands Commission it could face a loss of its own funds if it does not curb the use of state tidelands revenue to support the Queen Mary Museum in Long Beach.

The entire \$70,000 in state funds for the Office of

Economic Opportunity was eliminated from the budget. The office, which also receives substantial funding from the federal government, has been heavily criticized by both a federal report and state legislators for not serving the needs of the poor.