
Inventory of the Governor's Committee to Survey the Agricultural Labor Resources of the San Joaquin Valley Records

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Agency History

The Committee to Survey the Agricultural Labor Resources of the San Joaquin Valley was created by Governor Earl Warren in response to resolutions requesting such a study from the Central Valley Empire Association and the San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Association. The Committee was charged to make a complete survey of all aspects of the seasonal labor problem in the San Joaquin Valley and to recommend short-range and long-range solutions for dealing with it. The fifteen-person committee met from March to December 1950 when it submitted its recommendations. The Committee's records include documents relating to: organization; meetings; five public hearings; correspondence; state agency reports; background reports; farm labor centers; publicity; and the final report to the Governor.

1. ORGANIZATION FILE. 1950.

Folder F3845:1. 1. ORGANIZATION FILE. 1950.

Physical Description: 1ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged as follows: Background information, purpose of Committee; Organization chart; Biographical abstracts; Resume of Executive Director.

Folder F3845:2-3. **MEETING FILES. 1950.**

Physical Description: 2ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Agendas, copies of letters sent, minutes, and transcripts relating to the Committee's meetings. The meetings include discussion of: organization; personnel; research reports; the hearings; and Committee findings and recommendations.

3. HEARING FILES. 1950.

Folder F3845:4-13. **HEARING FILES. 1950.**

Physical Description: 13ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Transcripts, statements, pamphlets, brochures, and reports relating to the Committee's five public hearings. Each hearing usually includes local statistical reports concerning: production; employment; welfare; nutrition; health; Mexican aliens; labor camps and housing; education; and the opinions of local officials, farmers, and laborers on the local conditions and problems.

Folder F3845:4-6. **Fresno, June 20, 21, 1950.**

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Folder F3845:7, 7a, **Bakersfield, Aug. 1, 1950.**
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Folder F3845:9-10. **Visalia, Aug. 2, 1950.**

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Folder F3845:11-13. **Corcoran, Aug. 3, 1950.**

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Folder F3845:14-15. **Merced, Sept. 12, 1950.**

Physical Description: 2ff.

Folder F3845:164. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORRESPONDENCE. 1950.

Physical Description: 1ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Letters received and copies of letters sent from the Executive Director of the Committee. The letters relate to: the development of the research staff; some of the activities of the Executive Director; resolutions on farm labor of the California Farm Bureau Federation; the budget of the Committee; information on relief rolls in the Southern San Joaquin Valley; Committee testimony before the President's Commission on Migratory Labor; statements and complaints of the National Farm Labor Union of the A.F. of L.

Folder F3845:17-22 **BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DATA. 1942-50.**

Physical Description: 8ff.

Scope and Content Note

State Agency Reports - Arranged as follows by department or company. All are dated 1950 unless otherwise noted.

- Folder F3845:17 **Department of Agriculture - Characteristics of California's Agricultural Economy.**
- Folder F3845:17 **Department of Education - The Education of Seasonal Agricultural Workers in the San Joaquin Valley.**
- Folder F3845:17 **Department of Employment - Employment Statistics for the San Joaquin Valley; Labor Force; Migration Patterns; Unemployment Insurance Coverage for Agriculture; Guaranteed Wage Plans for Agriculture; California Annual Farm Labor Report: 1949.**
- Folder F3845:18-19 **Department of Industrial Relations - Child Labor; Digest of the California Child Labor Laws; Labor Contractors; The Role of Labor Contractors; Housing; Housing in the San Joaquin Valley.**
- Folder F3845:20-21 **Department of Public Health - Maternal and Child Health in the San Joaquin Valley, as Related to Seasonal Agricultural Workers' Families; Report to the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Labor Resources Committee; Summaries on 28 Infant Deaths in Fresno & Kings Counties.**
- Folder F3845:22 **University of California, College of Agricultural - Wages and Earnings of Agricultural Labor in California With Particular Reference to the San Joaquin Valley.**

6. OTHER BACKGROUND DATA. 1942, 48, 50.

Folder F3845:23 **OTHER BACKGROUND DATA. 1942, 48, 50.**

Physical Description: 2ff.

Folder F3845:23 **United States Department of Agriculture -Migration and Settlement on the Pacific Coast, 1942; The Agricultural Labor Force of the San Joaquin Valley, California: characteristics, Employment, Mobility, 1948.**

Folder F3845:24 **Industrial Survey Associates - Industry in Stockton; Industrial Payrolls for Turlock.**

Folder F3845:257. FARM LABOR CENTERS. 1950.

Physical Description: 1ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Letters received, memoranda, and newspaper reprint relating to the physical conditions, and repair of labor camps in California; also relating to the transfer of physical authority to the Federal Housing Authority as per Public Law 475, 81st Congress, Title II, Section 205.

Folder F3845:268. PUBLICITY. 1950.

Physical Description: 1ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically

Newspaper clippings, press releases, radio scripts, and speech relating to the Committee's work progress, hearings, and to California agriculture.

Folder F3845:279. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. 1950.

Physical Description: 1ff.

Scope and Content Note

Draft copy of report submitted to Governor Warren on December 15, 1950.