

Mexican-American Harassed By CCAIN

By Maxine Blagburn

Bribery, intimidation, harassment are but a few of the methods used by the Citizens Coalition Against Incorporation, CCAIN, to elicit voting information

from Mexicans who reside in the predominantly black community of East Palo Alto.

CCAIN unleashed its sleuths who have actually intimidated one of the oldest Mexican residents who

has lived in the community since it was called Runnymede. She has never voted, and is 82 years old.

This trembling, frightened, elderly Mexican woman said that CCAIN members threatened her because she refused to name the relatives who lived with her. One of the relatives who asked not to be identified voted in the June 7th election when East Palo Alto became a city by a 15-vote margin. CCAIN is charging "voter fraud" in a civil case which is being heard in San Mateo Superior Court, Redwood City.

Judge Cruickshank has postponed the hearing another week due to another commitment.

According to this elderly Mexican woman who begged not to be identified, CCAIN threatened to call the police to search her home for the person, who was not home, who voted June 7th.

CCAIN has sunken to a new low. First they "used"

the poor, elderly Blacks as corroborating witnesses; now it is the Mexicans. Look out Asians, you're next!

During the court recess CCAIN continues to raise CCAIN in the Mexican community within the predominately black community of East Palo Alto.

Wilks Speaks Out

By Cora Cummings

Gertrude Wilks, the renowned, outspoken, odd person on the new city council, who is perpetrating the suit now being tried against the new city council members, said she won't shut up, no matter who doesn't like it.

The council member, one time mayor of East Palo Alto, is suing the new council and city for alleged voter fraud. Paul (Pete) Mcloskey is the attorney acting on her behalf. She said that many people are looking at her and wondering, why she doesn't just keep quiet, let things roll on smoothly?

Mrs. Wilks said that she cannot just let things roll on smoothly because there is great danger of dishonesty all around the people of East Palo Alto. She said that every day in court, facts are being brought out. At one point she admits that she is almost sorry for opening up the can of worms because she was unaware of the kinds of things that would be pulled out during the trial. "There are so many people who are coming forth, who are angry because they say that they were not given a chance to vote. When they showed up at the polls, they were told that they could not vote.....they had already voted.

One thing about it, you can't touch the truth. It would not be right on either side for something like this to happen. I just can't believe how the old, and illiterate young people were taken advantage of. After all we have come through to obtain the black vote, something like this has to come to East Palo Alto. They don't like it, but our people must be protected in these situations. Like it or not, I can't shut up about the truth....."