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Businessman from Bakersfield, California; active in the Republican politics in California.

DESCRIPTION: Support for Earl Warren in 1950 gubernatorial race; beginnings of his opposition to Warren's social programs; search for alternate candidate for 1952 Presidential nomination; support for Richard Nixon; support for Robert Taft; William F. Knowland's support for Warren; Thomas Werdel delegation supporting Taft, Douglas MacArthur, Harold Stassen or Dwight D. Eisenhower; A. C. Wedemeyer; decision on when to release delegates; meeting at the Palace Hotel on January 14; some conservatives uncertain about Eisenhower; California Independent Republican Delegation Committee; primary campaign; opposition to Warren's proposed health insurance legislation; comments on Nixon and Knowland; make-up of the free delegation; support from county committees; support from conservative groups; source of Nixon's support; comments on various articles and public relations materials leading up to the primary; Ronald Reagan's shift to conservative politics; United World Federalists; anticommunism as a campaign issue; media coverage of 1952 California campaign; campaign public relations; national support for Warren; newspaper reports that Eisenhower delegates would instead support Eisenhower; Nixon campaign fund scandal; speculation on who broke the story; disenchantment with Nixon after he went to Congress; nationwide education for conservatism; William F. Buckley's National Review; family information.

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