

# Fitts Repudiated By Los Angeles Voters in Poll

## Opposition Parties Get 3 to 2 Majority in Primaries Over Red-Baiting District Attorney, Labor Showing Strong

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LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30.—Buron Fitts, labor-hating district attorney and impresario of the "red murder plot" mystery drama, yesterday stood repudiated by the electorate of Los Angeles.

A majority of the people in this county voted against Fitts yesterday, his electoral opponents in the primaries getting three votes to every two he got.

As a result, Fitts faces the most bitter election contest in the finals, with John F. Dockweiler, labor-endorsed candidate, as his opponent.

Although the open shop sponsored incumbent gained a small plurality in the eight-cornered race his opponents piled up better than three votes to his two, thus forcing a runoff.

Dockweiler finished a strong second, getting nearly 2½ votes to one for Municipal Judge Irvin Taplin, who finished third. William Bonelli, state board of equalization member, finished fourth.

### LABOR STRONG

Showing labor's strength was the race within Los Angeles city limits where Dockweiler ran neck and neck with Fitts, despite the latter's advantage of having the active support of virtually the entire press and a seemingly bottomless campaign treasure chest. What advantage Fitts had was gained in the outlying rural districts.

Returns from 4040 precincts out of 4951 showed this result: Fitts, 213,654; Dockweiler, 169,874; Taplin 74,005, and Bonelli, 70,818. The other four candidates polled approximately 40,000 votes.

As labor summed it up, the result was: Fitts 213,654, and anti-Fitts, 453, 465.

All 15 Superior Court judges were reelected. Closest race was for office 14 where reactionary interests concentrated their fire in an attempt to remove Judge John Beardsley, formerly active in the American Civil Liberties Union.



BURON FITTS

liberal background, is a strong opponent of conscription.

### YORTY SWAMPED

Red-baiting former Assemblyman Sam Yorty, who campaigned for senator on pro-war "stop Hitler now" platform, ran a feeble fourth in both Republican and Democratic primaries.

Supervisors Roger Jesup and Gordon L. McDonough were reelected and Supervisor Oscar Hauge faces a runoff in November.

All incumbent congressmen are apparently renominated, some gain-craftic nominations.

The huge plurality scored by Senator Hiram Johnson in Los Angeles county over County Supervisor John Anson Ford, "good government liberal," was generally considered the result of Ford's support of President Roosevelt's foreign policy and the general public belief that Johnson, despite his