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Alioto Hits Nixon On the Union Issue

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Inflation and persecution of labor unions will increase one hundred fold if President Nixon is re-elected, Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco said here yesterday.

Alioto, speaking to a fund-raising dinner Saturday of the Oregon AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education, said that the U.S. Justice Department has become a political arm of an administration that is hostile to labor unions.

LEADERS

Alioto asked the gathering of 600 labor and political leaders what the reaction of the Nixon administration would have been if the charges of campaign contributions against International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. had been brought against a major labor union.

UNIONS

"Or imagine what would have happened if the labor union had shredded its documents the next day?" Alioto asked.

He rejected the argument that labor unions are too strong. He said during the past four years labor has been the victim of inflation and persecution by the Justice Department.

"If Nixon is re-elected for another four years and doesn't have to worry about re-election again, the problems will be intensified one hundred fold," he said.

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