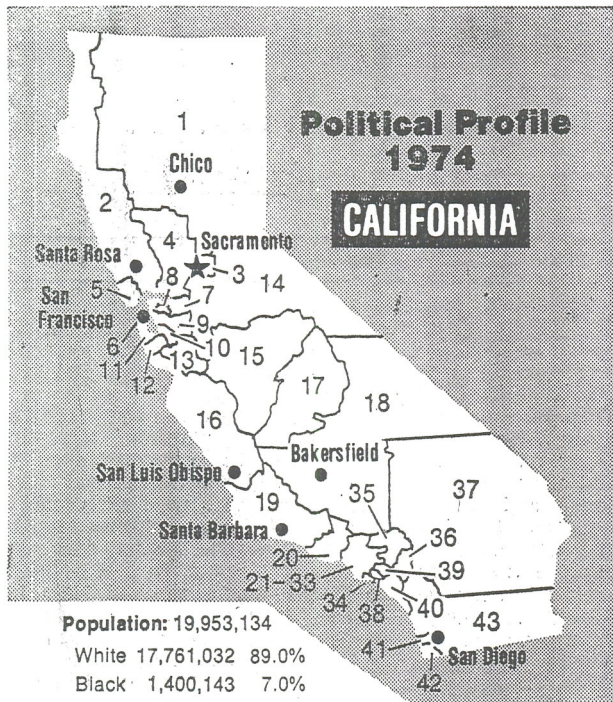


# California Republicans



**Population:** 19,953,134  
 White 17,761,032 89.0%  
 Black 1,400,143 7.0%  
 Other 791,959 4.0%

**Jobless Rate:** 8.2% (Sept.) †

**Major Statewide Races:**  
 Senate  
 Alan Cranston (D)\*  
 H. L. Richardson (R)  
 Governor  
 Edmund G. Brown (D)  
 Houston I. Flournoy (R)

\* Incumbent † Seasonally adjusted

**Vote in 1972 Presidential Election:**  
 Nixon 55.0%  
 McGovern 41.5%  
 Other 3.5%

**Congressional Representation:**  
 Senate 2(D)  
 House 24(D) 19(R)

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29— Unless they find a miraculous formula in the next week, California Republicans are expected to take a beating on Election Day.

The dimensions of their problem are as follows:

¶ Only one of the six officers of the state government who are elected statewide is currently a Democrat, but it is expected that only one will be a Republican after next Tuesday's elections.

¶ United States Senator Alan Cranston, a Democrat, seems certain to be re-elected over his Republican opponent, H. L. Richardson.

¶ Of the state's 43 Congressional seats, Democrats now hold 24, and they may expand this to a 26-to-17 margin or even wider.

¶ The State Legislature has been in Democratic control, and this grip may be expanded.

**G.O.P. Aide Has 'No Miracles'**  
 "I have no miracles," said Paul Haerle of San Francisco, Republican state vice chairman, "but I'm an eternal optimist, despite being a 49er and Giant fan."

Mr. Haerle also said he believed that if Republicans could get out the vote, they could win the governorship. He said, "if

the head of the ticket runs well, the rest will be carried along."

Mervin D. Field, operator of the California Poll, said his judgment, based on a month-old sampling, is that "unless we're breathing each other's exhaust" many rank-and-file Republicans, dispirited in the hangover from the Watergate scandals, might not bother to vote. Mr. Field's last pre-election sample will be reported on Friday, reflecting interviews that began today.

Richard M. Nixon's fall, and his subsequent pardon, have been felt in subtly different ways here from elsewhere, because he is a Californian, his political career was built on votes cast here and many of his appointees who got in trouble came from this state. California Republicans feel especially marked by what happened to Mr. Nixon.

Thus, Representative Bob Wilson, Republican of San Diego, is in a hard re-election fight against Colleen O'Connor, a 29-year-old educator. Part of Mr. Wilson's problem stems from his close relationship with Mr. Nixon and the abortive plan to hold the 1972 Republican National Convention at San Diego, which the former President called "my lucky city."

Ten of the state's 43 seats in the United States House of Rep-

## THE 1974 CAMPAIGN

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Rep. Robert B. Mathias



John Krebs

representatives are though to be "vulnerable," meaning that the political managers think the outcome is not a foregone conclusion.

One of these is now held by a Democrat, Richard T. Hanna, who is retiring. Orange County Republicans have high hopes of capturing it with David Rehm, a former Navy pilot who was a captive more than six years in North Vietnam. But the district is 53 per cent Democratic, although it is in Orange County, where Democrats frequently vote Republican. The Democratic nominee is Mayor

Jerry Patterson of Santa Ana.

The state's Congressional districts have been reapportioned since 1972, and the result has been to create problems for some Republican incumbents, such as Representative Robert B. Mathias of Tulare. Changes in his district have left it 59 per cent Democratic in registration, and he faces a strong opponent, John Krebs, a Fresno County supervisor.

Democrats expect to pick up a Republican seat being vacated by the retirement of Representative Charles S. Gubser.

Norman Mineta, Mayor of San Jose, the Democratic nominee, is favored over the Republican candidate, George Miliias, a former State Assemblyman.

Also, Craig Hosmer, Republican of Long Beach, is retiring, and the Democrats hope to win his seat with Mark Hannaford, a political science professor. The Republican nominee is Assemblyman Bill Bond. The district is 52 per cent Democratic.

One of the strangest campaigns is that of a Republican Representative, Victor V. Veyssey, whose old district around Riverside completely disappeared when the election map was redrawn. He moved a few miles, and is running in an area new to him where the registration is 51 per cent Democratic. James Lloyd, a City Councilman in Covina, is the Democratic nominee.

A Republican Representative, Del Clawson of Downey, finds himself in a district that is 70 per cent new territory, and opposed by a strong Democrat, Robert E. White of Norwalk. If Democrats vote in strength, Republican leaders expect to lose this seat.

Although Democrats have also picked three other Republican incumbents as targets, party sources have said that there is less confidence of unseating them. These are Representa-

tives Burt L. Talcott of Salina, William M. Ketchum of Paso Robles and Robert J. Lagomarsino of Ojai.

Norman Turnette, a Republican National Committee representative assigned to help party candidates for Congress, said, "It's a weird year, and not an easy situation for us." He predicted that the Republicans would have a net loss of no more than one seat, however.

William Holtzman, executive director of the California Democratic party, said, "We have reason to feel optimistic." He predicted that Democrats would win at least five of the six statewide offices, have a net gain of at least three seats in the United States House, and broaden control in the State Legislature by three to four seats in each chamber.

While the Democrats, and most observers, now expect Edmund G. Brown Jr., Secretary of State, to win the governorship easily over Houston I. Flournoy, State Controller, elusive and ill-defined indications of growing strength for Mr. Flournoy have been detected by some reporters.

Attorney General Evelle J. Younger, the Republican incumbent, is expected to win re-election, and become probably the only Republican winner statewide.