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ANDERSON FOR LT. GOVERNOR HELPS
BROWN CANDIDACY, VOTERS SAY

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Will Lt. Governor Glenn Anderson's candidacy for re-election help or hinder Governor "Pat" Brown's chances for a third term as this state's chief executive?

Results of a California Poll survey completed earlier this month indicate that Anderson's presence on the Democratic ballot as a nominee for Lt. Governor could have some favorable effect on Brown's re-election chances. It may be a surprise to some, but survey findings suggest that Anderson will help Brown more than he will hurt him.

The California Poll finds that about one in four Democrats feels Anderson will have some effect on Brown's candidacy, and of this group, about twice as many think Brown will be helped by Anderson as think he will be hurt.

Republicans who have an opinion are about evenly divided between those who think he will be a help and those who think he will be a detriment to Brown.

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Will help Brown's chances	15%	11%
Will hurt Brown's chances	8	12
No effect, don't know	77	77

Focus on the Lt. Governor's seat has become sharper in recent months for several reasons:

(1) Some people have predicted that even if Brown were elected he might not serve out a full term. There are rumors to the effect that after eight hectic years in office, and with the Governor's chair secure for the Democratic party in Sacramento, Brown would be glad to accept a federal appointment. This would elevate the Lt. Governor to the number one spot.

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(2) Even though Anderson won in 1958 and again in 1962, in both instances he ran behind Brown's plurality. For example, in 1958 when Brown beat Senator William Knowland by more than one million votes, Anderson squeaked by Republican Harold Powers by just 90 thousand votes. In 1962 when Brown turned back ex-vice president Richard Nixon by nearly 300,000 votes, Anderson defeated Republican George Christopher only by half that margin.

(3) Thomas Braden, an Oceanside newspaper publisher and President of the State Board of Education, has indicated he may run against Anderson in the Democratic primary. Other Democrats, including Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh, have also been reported as eyeing the state's number two spot.

Watts Riots

Anderson was criticized in some quarters during the Los Angeles Watts Riots last August for not calling out the National Guard sooner than he did when he was acting governor during Brown's absence. This criticism was highlighted again in the McCone Commission report issued last December. However, whatever the merits of the criticism, Anderson at least gained greater visibility as a result of the situation. The Lt. Governor job is even more "invisible" than the U.S. Vice Presidency used to be, and the Watts Riots gave Anderson an opportunity to appear before the public at a time when most people were highly attentive. This was the number one story in the press and on TV. Anderson appeared on TV throughout the state in August in the role of Acting Governor. Again in December, Anderson's rebuttal to the McCone Commission's charge gave him another chance to come into public view.

The lieutenant governor office in California is independent of the governorship. Voters do not have to vote for governor and lieutenant governor on the same ticket. This is unlike the vote for president and vice-president of the United States who are elected as a "ticket". There have been a number of instances in California's history where the governor has been a member of one party and the lieutenant governor a member of the other party.

The next California Poll report will deal with how voters perceive the favorable and unfavorable attributes of Governor Brown and Republican gubernatorial candidates, Ronald Reagan and George Christopher.