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DIRTY FARM CAMP SHUT BY MITCHELL

SECRETARY OF LABOR JAMES P. MITCHELL MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO SANTA CLARA VALLEY FARM LABOR CAMPS YESTERDAY--AND CLOSED ONE IMMEDIATELY AND ORDERED SOME OTHERS TO CLEAN UP OR SHUT DOWN.

AN AIDE SAID MITCHELL SHOOK HIS HEAD AND MUTTERED "TERRIBLE..TERRIBLE" AS HE INSPECTED THE BARRACKS IN A PROGRESSIVE GROWERS ASSOCIATION CAMP.

FILTHY KITCHEN

HE SAID THE LABOR SECRETARY CALLED FOR THE MANAGER AFTER WALKING INTO A FILTHY KITCHEN BUZZING WITH FLIES.

THE NON-RESIDENT MANAGER, WHO SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE CAMP'S "DETERIORATION," WAS TOLD TO CLOSE THE CAMP IMMEDIATELY AND FIND MORE SUITABLE QUARTERS FOR THE 121 RESIDENT MEXICAN NATIONALS.

AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FARM LABOR IMPORTATION PROGRAMS, MITCHELL ALSO ORDERED IMPROVEMENTS AT OTHER CAMPS IN AN ALL-DAY TOUR OF THE SANTA CLARA AREA.

OTHERS ADEQUATE

"I SAW HOUSING THAT I CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE WORKERS," HE SAID LATER. "THERE IS NO REASON THAT ALL HOUSING FOR BRACEROS (IMPORTED MEXICAN LABORERS) CANNOT MEET THESE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. I INTEND TO SEE THAT THEY DO."

MITCHELL HAS APPOINTED A CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF THE LABOR IMPORTATION PROGRAM. THE PRESENT AUTHORIZATION FOR MEXICAN CONTRACT LABOR EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1960.

THE CABINET MEMBER WILL ADDRESS THE PRESS AND UNION LEAGUE CLUB HERE TONIGHT. BUCK HARRIS AND VICTOR RIESEL WILL BE CO-HOSTS.

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Dirty Farm Camp Shut By Mitchell

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell made a surprise visit to Santa Clara Valley farm labor camps yesterday — and closed one immediately and ordered some others to clean up or shut down.

An aide said Mitchell shook his head and muttered "terrible . . . terrible" as he inspected the barracks in a Progressive Growers Association camp.

Filthy Kitchen

He said the Labor Secretary called for the manager after walking into a filthy kitchen buzzing with flies.

The non-resident manager, who said he was unaware of the camp's "deterioration," was told to close the camp immediately and find more suitable quarters for the 121 resident Mexican nationals.

As the administrator of the farm labor importation program, Mitchell also ordered improvements at other camps in an all-day tour of the Santa Clara area.

Others Adequate

"I saw housing that I considered adequate for the health and safety of the workers," he said later. "There is no reason that all

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housing for braceros (imported Mexican laborers) cannot meet these minimum requirements. I intend to see that they do."

Mitchell has appointed a citizens' committee to study recommendations for discontinuance of the labor importation program. The present authorization for Mexican contract labor expires Dec. 31, 1960.

The Cabinet member will address the Press and Union League Club here tonight. Buck Harris and Victor Riesel will be co-hosts.

Fire Destroys