

gas leases, informing the Commission that delays are causing great losses to the shipbuilding and marine equipment industry, and that some members of the industry are going out of business and employees are going into other fields of work, as a result of which losses the industry would be unprepared to carry on adequately in time of emergency.

28. (PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE, SILVER VS. MEMBERS OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION - W. O. 2444.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"On October 25, 1956 Mr. P. Silver filed a petition for writ of mandate with the California State Supreme Court requesting issuance of a writ of mandate to compel the Director of Finance, the Lieutenant Governor, and the State Controller as follows:

1. To vacate and set aside the determination declaring the land (W. O. 2243, 5,600 acres of tide and submerged lands, Point Mugu area, Ventura County) to be 'not within the known geological structure of an oil producing field' or to show cause why they should not do so.
2. To refrain from making any further classification of the above-referred-to land until a geophysical survey has been made and the results therefrom have been made available to them.
3. To refrain from basing any further determinations as to whether the tidelands are within a known geological structure of an oil producing field solely on the criteria that there must be proof of an actual producing oil field then in production to warrant such a determination.

"This action has been transferred to the District Court of Appeals.

"The office of the Attorney General has requested an extension to and including November 10, 1956 within which time to file a statement of points and authorities and a request for dismissal of the petition."