

38 'Signers' Claim Their Names Faked

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A total of 38 voters from the small town of Barceloneta swore yesterday before the legislative committee probing the Christian

Action Party that their names and fingerprints had been falsified on C.A.P. petitions.

The committee concluded its first week of hearings yesterday in its investigation of C.A.P. practices before the general elections last Nov. 8. The relatively short hearing yesterday was limited to receiving the testimony of citizens who swore never having filed C.A.P. petitions. No C.A.P. witnesses were called. The hearings will resume at one p. m. Monday.

All the C.A.P. petitions introduced as evidence of C.A.P. fraud during its drive last year to register the party declared that the witnesses present yesterday have signed them in the Bayamon District Court. All petitions were witnessed by Bayamon District Judge Maria Luisa Ramos and countersigned with the names of Manuel Rodriguez Hernandez and Angel M. Pintor de

Gracia.

The witnesses yesterday swore that they have never seen Judge Ramos nor persons with the names of the two witnesses. The witnesses also swore that they had not been in Bayamon at the time indicated on the petitions.

One witness, Angel Rosado Santana, 65, said he had not been in Bayamon since 1916. Rep. Benjamin Ortiz asked jokingly if it was because he had something against Bayamon.

"It could be," Rosado answered.

A witness was advised that his name appeared on a petition showing that his occupation was a chauffeur. The witness cried that he could not read, nor write, nor drive an automobile. Another witness testified that at the time she appears as having signed the petition in Bayamon, she was visiting relatives in the U. S.