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LOS PULPOS

This letter is intended for farmers who are bonafide residents of the Imperial Irrigation District and the Bard Irrigation District in Imperial County, Calif. and to those located in the Coachella Valley Water District in Riverside County, Calif. and the Palo Verde Irrigation District situated in both Riverside and Imperial Counties.

All these areas receive their irrigation water from the Colorado River which makes farming possible. This is a report to show what has happened since the United States filed a lawsuit against the Imperial Irrigation District in the U.S. District Court at San Diego, Calif. in the Spring of 1967. The destiny of all farmers who are bonafide residents of Districts will depend on the outcome of this lawsuit which will decide who can get the water to do irrigation farming.

It must be realized that in the Spring of 1967, when this lawsuit was filed that the Irvine Co. whose worth was estimated by the Wright Patman Committee investigating Foundations, as being one billion dollars, was the main company with such great resources farming in this area.

Since then the following big corporations (through their subsidiaries) have entered into farming in these Districts: United Fruit Co., Dow Chemical Co., Kaiser Aluminum Corp., Purex Corp., and CBK Industries. All these corporations are listed on the New York Stock Exchange except CBK Industries which is listed on the American Exchange. All these corporations are worth more than \$250 millions except CBK.

Your attention is particularly drawn to the United Fruit Co. which has a notorious reputation in the Central American Republics where it is known as EL PULPO-THE OCTOPUS. This corporation grows bananas on 200,000 acres. By comparison, there are only around 500,000 acres under cultivation in the Imperial Irrigation District which is the biggest in the Western Hemisphere. Read books on United Fruit.

You can now understand why I have entitled this Newsletter LOS PULPOS-these big corporations-OCTUPI-have their tentacles all over the United States and in many foreign countries. What chance do you farmers who are bonafide residents have in competition with these GIANTS? NONE!!! Why not be smart like the farmers in Kansas, North Dakota, and Oklahoma? In Kansas and North Dakota, there are laws forbidding farming by corporations. In Oklahoma, the State Legislature passed a bill forbidding farming by corporations but the Governor vetoed it. The Oklahoma farmers are going to try again.

But you family farmers of the 4 Districts in Imperial and Riverside Counties do not have to get a law passed to protect you from the BIG CORPORATIONS-LOS PULPOS. Such a law was passed in 1902 by Congress and is called THE RECLAMATION LAW OF 1902. This law said:

1. Only bonafide residents living on the land or close by can get water to do irrigation farming. This provision was put in to prevent outsiders whether individuals or corporations from getting the water.
2. Each person can get sufficient water to farm 160 acres. The big corporations and other outsiders who own 70% of the farmland in these 4 Districts have brainwashed you family farmers into believing that a family has to make a living from only 160 acres. THIS IS A BIG LIE!!! A husband and wife can each have 160 acres for a total of 320 acres. Then you can give title to 160 acres to each child (or an irrevocable trust so that at your death the child gets title). This means if the family consists of father and mother and 4 children, then there can be 6 times 160 acres for a total of 960 acres for the entire family. For a father and mother and 10 children, the family would have 12 times 160 acres for a total of 1,920 acres!!!

While this Newsletter was being prepared, news came that the State Assembly of Wisconsin has passed a bill forbidding corporations from farming and the chances are bright that the State Senate will pass it also. These bills are being pushed by organizations like the National Farmers Union, the National Grange, and the National Farmers Organization. THE FARM BUREAU IS AGAINST SUCH LAWS WHICH PROVES THAT THE FARM BUREAU IS THE MEANS BY WHICH THE BIG CORPORATION FARMS LIKE UNITED FRUIT CO., PURTX CORP., IRVINE CO., SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND CO., ETC. ARE BRAINWASHING YOU BONAFIDE RESIDENT FARMERS WHO PAY DUES TO THE LOCAL FARM BUREAU WHICH WORKS AGAINST YOU.

The National Farmers Union, The National Grange, The National Farmers Organization and 23 other farm groups have had HR 14014 introduced into the House of Representatives and S.3068 introduced in the U.S. Senate as the farm program to benefit family farms. THE FARM BUREAU IS AGAINST THESE TWO BILLS WHICH WERE INTRODUCED BECAUSE THE BIG CORPORATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOG THE SUBSIDIES (HANDOUTS).

It must be pointed out to you local farmers that the National Farmers Union, The National Grange, and The National Farmers Organization, are the farmers who pushed for a \$20,000.00 yearly limit to subsidies per farmer. Now that you understand the U.S. Reclamation Law, any local farmer who has sons and daughters can understand that each person is considered a farmer if he has 160 acres and that each can receive subsidies up to \$20,000.00 yearly AND THAT THE \$20,000.00 LIMIT DOES NOT MEAN \$20,000.00 FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Is it not better to have the limit of \$20,000.00 per farmer so that each farmer can get subsidies rather than the big corporations hogging it all? You local farmers are strongly urged to leave the Farm Bureau which works against you and invite the National Farmers Union, The National Grange, or The National Farmers Organization to come here and set up chapters which WILL WORK FOR YOUR BENEFIT.

At the same time, do not let your children join the 4 H for this is an organization pushed by the Farm Bureau to brainwash children so that they do not know they can never become farmers under the conditions that the Farm Bureau is propagating. These children are never taught by the 4 H about the U.S. Reclamation Law how it protects and gives an opportunity for little people to farm. These children are forced to live in a world of make believe where they grow a lamb, a steer, or a pig with the idea that it is easy to do and make money. With the big corporations chased out by enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law, the children of the bonafide farmers here will actually take care of some livestock and have to sell them under actual market conditions and will learn the true economic facts about farming. WHY LET THE FARM BUREAU HOODWINK YOUR CHILDREN BY MEANS OF THE 4 H? The newspapers locally under pressure of the Farm Bureau print many items about 4 H activities and the children think because these items are printed that they are doing something important whereas it is just nonsense.

WORKING ON THE ACTUAL FARM TEACHES CHILDREN MORE THAN THE NONSENSE NOW GOING ON IN THE 4 H WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE BEING BRAINWASHED!!!

For you merchants who happen to also read this Newsletter, you must be told that in 1968, Congressman Joseph Resnick ran hearings where there was much testimony of the rackets the Farm Bureau was running. For instance, you know that in big cities, gangsters make merchants join associations for "protection". In the Imperial Irrigation District, the merchants pay \$25.00 per year as dues for membership in the Imperial County Farm Bureau. Are the merchants paying these dues as "protection" against boycott by the Farm Bureau Members?

All types of merchants have these Farm Bureau signs in their stores. Take the drugstores. They have an association also. No farmers belonging to the Farm Bureau pay dues to the Druggists Association without the right to vote like the druggists pay to the Farm Bureau.

Merchants know that 80% of the profits of farming leave this area because the absentee farmers and the owners of corporations do not live here so they do not spend their profits here. These big farm interests use the Mexicans who live in Mexico and who spend their wages in Mexico. SO WHY JOIN THE FARM BUREAU? The big Corporations with the Farm Bureau that they control, ARE A CANCER ON THE ECONOMY HERE!!!