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IRVINE RANCH DEPRIVES YOUR CHILDREN OF OPPORTUNITY

In June, parents are worried about their children who are graduating from various schools and who now have to go to work to earn a living. What opportunity do they have in Imperial County, Calif.? If the young men must leave the Valley to earn a living, then the young women have to leave also because there are no men to marry. This County is a gigantic farming area so that naturally young people will want to be farmers or work in industries allied with farming which goes on constantly for 12 months of the year here.

This Newsletter will tell you how the Irvine Co. which owns the 88,000 acres ranch in Orange County, Calif. is depriving your children from earning a good living in farming in Imperial County. But first, it is necessary to talk about OPPORTUNITY. The United States is known as the LAND OF OPPORTUNITY. In an area like Europe, all the land was held as a monopoly by the nobility and the church. Therefore, there was a great migration of Europeans to the U.S. for the opportunity to own and farm land.

The Government of the U.S. in order to avoid monopoly in the ownership of land, started the Homestead Act of 1862 and since that time no person can get more than 160 acres of land from the U.S. The early homestead land grants had natural rainfall for growing crops. However, the West and particularly the Southwest are arid and have insufficient rainfall to cultivate crops. So in these areas, the land could not be homesteaded because to perfect your claim to the land, you had to grow a certain amount of crops or the Government would not give you title.

At this point in history, President Theodore Roosevelt is met. In the 1880's, he was a young man living in New York and his health was poor. He was sent to the Dakota-Montana region to improve his health. While in the West, he noticed the shortage of rain and the difficulty to homestead land because water was not available to grow crops. But he also noticed another thing. He found that big ranchers (in the West farmers are called ranchers and in most instances do not have cattle) would try to squeeze out the little ranchers and take over their land.

Theodore Roosevelt actually personally became involved in an instance where a big rancher tried to force out a little one. The only way he could help the little rancher from being squeezed out, was to inform his family back East which had a lot of political influence. His family contacted the authorities in Washington, D.C. and they prevented the big rancher from getting the land of the little one. So you see that in the 1960's Dr. Yellen, a former New Yorker, is trying to emulate President Theodore Roosevelt in preventing the big ranchers from monopolizing the water and land of Imperial County.

Theodore Roosevelt when he became President was the one who or

inated the U.S. RECLAMATION ACT OF 1902. He said that the government would build the dams on the rivers and then build canals to bring the water impounded behind the dams to the land to be cultivated. A person would get water sufficient to farm only 160 acres. A husband and wife would get water to farm 320 acres. But in the Imperial Irrigation District which is the largest in the Western hemisphere, the big farm interests have prevented the government from enforcing the 160 acres per person limitation. Dr. Yellen has convinced the Federal Government to take legal action against the Imperial Irrigation District and the big ranchers. The lawsuit was filed January 11, 1967.

President Theodore Roosevelt said when he signed the U.S. Reclamation bill, "the money is being spent to build up the little man of the West so that no big man from East or West can come in to get a monopoly on the water or the land". Another provision of the Law is needed to be enforced, namely, "the person getting the water must live on the land or close by". This is necessary to prevent the absentee ownership which now has 70% of the farmland. The U.S. Supreme Court is going to decide this lawsuit and the money and the political influence of the big farm interests will not help them.

There are 460,000 acres of farmland under cultivation. If husband and wife (family farm) who live here each had 320 acres, there would be about 1,500 family farms. Subsidies of \$11.2 millions are given yearly so that each family farm would receive about \$7,500 yearly in subsidies. There is about \$20 millions profit made on a yearly agricultural production of \$230 millions. So this means that the family farm will make about \$13,000 profit annually. When added to the subsidy of \$7,500, the total income for the family farm of 320 acres is \$20,000.

Your children can not farm here at the present moment for the MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS like the Irvine Co. an absentee landowner, has the land. The Brawley News of January 5, 1965 gives a list of the big landowners in violation of the Law. Irvine has 12,000 acres worth \$16 millions. There are many others like the Los Alamitos Land Co. and the Fred Bixby Land Co. You residents are brainwashed by SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS (successor to VIRGIL PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS) so you do not know about these big absentee landowners. You do not know that the Irvine Co. was paid \$179,737 for not growing cotton on some of its land in 1966. On this land withdrawn from cotton growing, it just grew other crops and made lots of additional money.

The Irvine Co. sent Robert Lang, Vice-President, here to organize the local big farmers into the Imperial Resources Associates when it learned the Government was going to take legal action. (See newspapers of June 26-27, 1966). Long has made several trips here to make speeches which SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS played up big.

Here is what the Irvine Co. is up to. It has 88,000 acres in Orange County adjoining Los Angeles. Developers of tract homes, factories, offices, etc. go to the Irvine Co. to get land to build on. The Irvine Ranch makes these developers go to Imperial Valley and buy up ranches which they then exchange for Irvine land of equivalent value. But much Irvine land is worth \$35,000 an acre and up. The average price of Imperial Valley farmland is about \$1,000 per acre. Just by not selling the land outright to the developers, the Irvine Co. escapes capital gains income taxes running into many millions. The Irvine Co. if permitted to do what is going on now, would in 50 to 100 years end up owning all the 460,000 acres of farmland in the Imperial Irrigation District and at the same time have a good portion of the original Irvine Ranch left. That shows how clever this absentee landowner is.

Stephen Elmore, Brawley; Theodore Shank, Brawley; Kakoe Singh, Calipatria; Robert Brown, Brawley; John Bryant, Calipatria; John Kubler, Jr. Calexico; Clara Gutiérrez, Westmorland; Harold Brockman, Calexico; and Charles Nilson, Hotville, have entered the lawsuit against the government. Except for Stephen Elmore, the rest of these farmers would be in compliance with the law if they gave some land to their children. The Irvine Co., Los Alamitos, Fred Bixby, etc. stay hidden. The absentee landowners with 70% of the land PREVENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUTH!!!