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MORE ELECTRICITY SWINDLE BY THE I.I.D.

The IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT of Imperial County, Calif. has been swindling the residents using its electricity for many years. This has been done by charging the electricity users 3 times the correct price so the profits of this swindle could be used to subsidize the big absentee farmers who own 70% of the farmland, so that the irrigation water is sold for 1/4 the correct price to the big farm interests.

In a Newsletter entitled \$14 MILLIONS YEARLY ELECTRICITY SWINDLE, dated June 1, 1969, it was revealed that the I.I.D. which pays no taxes, such as property taxes, school taxes, income taxes, etc. was charging 71 cents more for 1000 kilowatts hours than the Southern Calif. Edison Co. at Palm Springs. Southern Calif. Edison Co. is a private utility which pays all these taxes AND ALSO DIVIDENDS TO STOCKHOLDERS, and its rate was \$18.04 as compared to the I.I.D. rate of \$18.75.

But unfortunately, because of a constant stream of propoganda inserted in the local newspapers by the I.I.D. and the big farm interests, many residents did not realize that when they pay the extra property taxes, school taxes, hospital taxes, etc. which go into millions of dollars because the I.I.D. pays no taxes, that the resident users of electricity are paying an extra "hidden electricity bill" in the form of taxes. In Palm Springs and its surrounding area, the Southern Calif. Edison Co. pays these taxes itself, and the electricity users there are not forced to pay a "hidden electricity bill" in the form of extra taxes.

That Newsletter of 1969 taught the I.I.D. propogandists a lesson and since that time they have kept the price of I.I.D. electricity just a little lower than the Southern Calif. so that I should not publicise like I did in 1969 that the I.I.D. price was higher by 71 cents than that of Southern Calif. But I repeat again, the big swindle is not in the small difference in prices as seen on the electricity bill but is in the "hidden electricity bill" which the residents of the I.I.D. must pay in the form of extra taxes which the I.I. D. DOES NOT PAY.

With the coming of the oil and gas crisis and with the increased cost of making electricity, the Imperial Irrigation District has been able to more confuse those persons who do not even now fully understand the idea how they are swindled by the "hidden electricity bill".

The I.I.D. is constantly putting in news releases and even advertisements in the local newspapers telling the electricity users to practice "electricity conservation" while the I.I.D. continues to raise the price of electricity all the time. In the El Centro Post Press and Brawley News of January 8, 1976, there is a propoganda article put in by the I.I.D. telling of a film available for showing on electricity. You are bombarded by articles about geothermal development in Imperial Valley to make you believe that with this being done, you will get cheaper electricity. All their propoganda are lies for they will not tell the truth.

The electricity consumers of the Imperial Irrigation District should know that when the propoganda department of the I.I.D. issues a "news release" to the local newspapers, the newspaper reporters make no effort to find out if the District is telling the truth. So when you read the article which is really the "news release" printed by the newspaper, you are cautioned not to believe it. That is why it is so important that after you read this Newsletter which contains the truth, that you pass it on to other electricity consumers who have read the lies put into the local newspapers and believe the false statements because they believe the local newspaper reporters have investigated the truth of the "news release"

Read the El Centro Post Press and Brawley News of January 8, 1976, and there is an article, "OIL FIRMS STALL ON STEAM ENERGY, CHARGES TUNNEY". In it U.S. Senator John V. Tunney of Calif. tells how the big oil companies have a monopoly on the leases on the steam areas (geothermal) and will not develop them if steam power is cheaper than oil power because THE OIL COMPANIES DO NOT WANT TO SPOIL THEIR OIL AND GAS BUSINESS .

Even if TUNNEY may be wrong, it is not going to bring you the cheap electricity you hope for because the I.I.D. will buy this steam manufactured electricity from the oil companies keeping up the same old swindle that it is doing now of selling you the electricity for 3 times the correct price so that it can sell the irrigation water at 1/4 the correct price to the absentee landowners. Finally, all this stuff is futuristic and will not help you now when you are suffering.

Here is what the I.I.D. and the U.S. Dept. of Interior is hiding from you. The Dept. of Interior is helping the I.I.D. with this propaganda of steam wells and is actually drilling for steam. For many years, I have heard of devices being used in Israel using the sun to heat water and thereby save on electricity. But I did not know if such a device was made by some mechanical enthusiast who was handy with tools or the device was made on a commercial basis and could be afforded by average people.

So in November 1975, I made a special trip to Israel to investigate. I was astounded. The climate of Israel is exactly like Imperial Valley and the sun is out almost every day. PRACTICALLY EVERY HOUSE HAD ONE OF THESE WATER HEATING DEVICES. THIS IS NO EXPERIMENTAL THING, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR IN THE FUTURE, IT IS IN EXISTENCE NOW AT THIS VERY MOMENT TO LOWER YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL.

I looked over the device and it can be manufactured on a wholesale basis and installed by the Imperial Irrigation District in your home for a cost of no more than \$25.00. You may ask, "Why should the I.I.D. do it? Well, with this money swindled from you on your electricity bills, the I.I.D. has been spending \$1 million yearly for concrete ditches on the private land of these big farms and calling it "WATER CONSERVATION". So let the I.I.D. install these devices in your home and spend \$1 million yearly and call the project "electricity conservation".

I advise everyone to go immediately to your local I.I.D. office and get the propaganda pamphlet entitled "HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY DO YOUR HOME APPLIANCES USE? On the same side it says WASTE NOT. (When the I.I.D. reads this Newsletter, it will have all these pamphlets destroyed so that you should not be able to read it). Notice that it does not tell about the device used in Israel which can be used by you whether you use gas or electricity now to heat your water. But notice this statement in this pamphlet, "But the ordinary water heater still consumes more than three times as much power as a room air conditioner, another big electricity user". Do not forget you are heating water in your home every day of the year which the device used in Israel does. But your air conditioner is used only part of the year. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE USE OF THE ISRAELI DEVICE WILL CUT YOUR ELECTRIC POWER BILL AT LEAST 40% OR YOUR GAS POWER BILL 80%. Many people have gas air conditioners.

The Southern Calif. Gas Co. is a private Company which has to make profits so it can pay its taxes and pay dividends to its stockholders. You can not expect it to put the Israeli devices in your home. The I.I.D. claims it practices "water conservation", so now it can practice "electricity conservation" or really the complete phrase "energy conservation".

With the big drop in use of electricity, the big farmers will not like this project, for there will not be the swindled electricity money to subsidize their irrigation water. For quick relief from the high electricity prices, the Imperial Irrigation District must be immediately forced to start spending \$1 million yearly to manufacture and install for free these water heating devices used in Israel. At present the farms are paying only \$3.50 per acre foot for irrigation water. The correct price for this water should be \$14.00 per acre foot. Read page 12 of the Brawley News of Jan. 8, 1976 and an article tells how in Kern County the cost is \$25.00 to \$45.00 an acre foot. The Kern County irrigation districts only sell water and are unable to work this electricity racket.

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