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# LOW TAXES & CHEAP IRRIGATION WATER FOR SMALL FARMERS

The big farmers and absentee landowners have fooled the little farmers with propaganda so that the little farmers believe that Dr. Yellen wants high property taxes and expensive irrigation water for the small farms.

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

Dr. Yellen and the residents of the towns object to the outside owners who have 70% of the farmland, escaping 50% to 75% of their farmland taxes. The outside landowners take these tax savings outside and spend them out of the Valley.

The residents of the Valley also object to this because they have to pay extra high property taxes to make up for these outside landowners.

In the case of the local big farmers who own 20% of the farmland, at least they spend some part of these tax savings in the Valley so that local merchants get some of this money and in this way the towns are partly benefitted. But unfortunately, the local big farmers also have the habit of buying a lot of their farm supplies and their personal items outside the Valley.

When it comes to the cheap irrigation water, the local residents PAY VERY HIGH ELECTRICITY RATES TO SUBSIDIZE THE CHEAP WATER TO THE FARMERS. Again the outside landowners since they have 70% of the land, are the chief gainers and again spend the saved money outside the Valley.

But look at the difference when a small farmer saves on his taxes and irrigation water. HE BUYS HIS FARM SUPPLIES IN OUR TOWNS AND HIS FAMILY BUYS ITS NEEDS IN OUR TOWNS.

DR. YELLEN IS IN FAVOR OF LOW PROPERTY TAXES AND CHEAP IRRIGATION WATER FOR THE LITTLE FARMERS BECAUSE THEY SPEND MONEY LOCALLY AND THIS CONTRIBUTES TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE TOWNS. THEN THERE ARE OTHER REASONS WHY THE LITTLE FARMERS NEED LOW TAXES AND CHEAP IRRIGATION WATER. THESE REASONS WILL BE GIVEN FURTHER ALONG IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

It is necessary to digress at this point to explain how the government helps factories and farmers. It must be understood that every factory is helped in the U.S. by the government putting an import tax on practically every imported factory product brought in. THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR U.S. FACTORIES TO SELL PRODUCTS IN THE U.S. AND MAKE A PROFIT IN COMPETITION WITH THE IMPORTED FACTORY PRODUCT.

The government does this so that industries which manufacture things could exist and give jobs to the factory workers in the cities. But

never forget that the farmers of the U.S. help support the U.S. manufacturing industries by buying these products. Now let us suppose Germany can sell here one of her farm tractors for \$10,000 dollars. An American factory makes the same tractor and sells it for \$14,000. The farmer of course would buy the German tractor. BUT THE U.S. PUTS AN IMPORT TAX OF \$5,000 ON THE GERMAN TRACTOR SO THAT IT NOW COSTS \$15,000 IN THE U.S.

The U.S. farmer will then buy the U.S. tractor for \$14,000 but it must be realized that the U.S. farmer had to pay \$4,000 extra to help U.S. industry. This is the usual way the U.S. helps factories.

There are other ways also. For instance to help U.S. shipping lines to compete in world trade, the U.S. will contribute 52% of the cost of the ship. If the ship costs \$10 million to build, the U.S. gives \$5.2 millions of the cost. The farmer with his income taxes helps pay for this ship while shipyard workers get the work.

The U.S. government helps the farmers with cotton allotments, beet allotments and subsidies for various crops plus money for soil conservation. People from the big cities in turn help the farmers in this way.

Certain cities desire certain factories to locate in their city. The city will give a location for the factory and will charge no taxes for ten years and very low taxes afterwards JUST ON THE BASIS THAT THE FACTORY WILL GIVE JOBS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND SO CREATE PROSPERITY FOR THE CITY.

This is the same reason why small farmers must have low taxes and cheap irrigation water in Imperial Valley. When the big farmers and outside landowners are chased out, it will be possible for about 3,000 to 5,000 little farmers to buy up their land. THESE LITTLE FARMERS WILL HAVE ABOUT 15,000 TO 25,000 DEPENDENTS. THEY WILL LIVE IN THE VALLEY.

THE SMALL FARMERS WILL BUY THEIR FARM SUPPLIES HERE. THEIR FAMILIES WILL BUY THEIR FAMILY SUPPLIES HERE. YOU CAN JUST IMAGINE HOW PROSPEROUS THE TOWNS WILL BE. THE TOWNS WILL GROW. PEOPLE WILL STOP LEAVING.

Then there is another important factor. Small farmers do their own work. They will not have to compete against the cheap Mexican imported labor that the big ranches are using against them. When the little farmer hires a man or two to help him, HE WILL USE LOCAL FARMWORKERS WHO WILL ALSO BUY LOCALLY.

Finally, with a lot of little farmers and their dependents and local farmworkers and their dependents, THERE WILL BE A WIDE TAX BASE SO THAT THE RATE OF TAXATION WILL FALL FOR THE CITY RESIDENTS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE SMALL FARMERS WILL BE GIVEN A TAX BREAK.

Under the present setup, THE ONLY ONES WHO MAKE MONEY ARE THE OUTSIDE FARMERS, OUTSIDE LANDOWNERS AND THE LOCAL BIG FARMERS WHO ACT AS THE "FRONT MEN" TO PUT OUT THE PROPAGANDA OF THE OUTSIDERS.

My Newsletters are all over Washington, D.C. The President and the officials there know the problem here. If you small farmers will unite with us city residents, YOU WILL PROFIT AND WE WILL PROFIT.

We just have to get the 160-acres limitation per person enforced. Write to President Kennedy. Write to Senator Clair Engle, Senate Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. Write to Mr. Frank Barry, Solicitor, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C. Write to Mr. Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C. Write to Representative Edward Roybal, House office Bldg. Washington, D.C.

JUST TELL THEM YOU WANT THE 160-ACRES LIMITATION LAW ENFORCED.

Dont write to Congressman Pat Martin of this Congressional District. He is a big farmers' man. LET WASHINGTON, D.C. KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.

LET US CHASE OUT THE BIG FARMERS AND GET PROSPERITY HERE FOR THE COMMON MAN.!!!!!!