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JOHN BRYANT WAR MILLIONAIRE

On June 23, 1967, in the Brawley, Calexico, and El Centro newspapers of SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS (successor to VIRGIL PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS) is an article with a headline in big black letters, BRYANT WARNS: "WE CANNOT SURVIVE ON 160 ACRES FARMS".

Now how did all this appear in the newspapers and who is Bryant? The article claims that Bryant made this statement to the Council of California Growers. This Council is the organization by which the big ranchers put out their propaganda which consists of lies, distortions omissions of facts, all mixed with a little truth to make the propaganda appear to be all truth.

The Council of California Growers has so much dirty linen to hide from the people that it has a high powered campaign to fool the people as to what is going on. This is the organization which in 1964 when the Federal Government stopped the Public Law #78 braceros from coming in the vast number of 100,000 to work in agriculture in California, predicted that crops would rot in the ground and agriculture would be ruined. It said that domestic farmworkers were no good, were skid row bums, etc. etc. Well, it is 2 years since these predictions by the Council of California Growers. Farming is going along as usual, being done by domestic farmworkers all over California with the exception of Imperial Valley where there is the "greencarder" problem. So you can see that the Council just told a BUNCH OF LIES.

So when you hear anything on TV and radio put out by this Council, do not believe it. When you read its advertisements on the billboards along the roads, know that it is propaganda. The big farmers have car bumper sticker slogans put out by the Council. These stickers are also a bunch of hokum.

Now the Council has its office in San Francisco. So when it wants to fool you about the 160 acres farm, it works with IMPERIAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATES located in the Planters Hotel, Brawley, Calif. This is the organization which organized the big farmers here to fight the Federal Government when it filed the lawsuit to enforce the 160 acres limitation per person provision of the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW. Nine big farmers in an amicus curiae legal action came in on the side of the Imperial Irrigation District to fight the Government.

From time to time, the Imperial Resources Associates in cooperation with the Council of California Growers puts in a sob story how a farmer came here with nothing and worked up to being a millionaire. The last sob story was on T.B. Shank but the article forgot to tell you that if T.B. Shank would give some of his land to his children, not only T.B. Shank would be in compliance with the Reclamation Law but so would be the children.

The sob story forgot to tell that T.B. Shank and his wife could have 320 acres and each child with his or her spouse could have 320 acres. The truth is that T.B. Shank has not got enough land to give to his children so each family would have 320 acres. So why he helps in this propaganda campaign to fool the local people is a mystery. It must be his age. He must think he is going to take it with him.

Franklin D. Schurz and Virgil Pinkley have and are still running a PROSTITUTED PRESS because they will only print the press releases of the big farm interests and will not print those of the little people. That is why this Newsletter is being distributed and it is very important that each reader pass it on to some other person to read to prevent the brainwashing the big farm interests are attempting to do on you.

You are reminded again that the Imperial Resources Associates was organized primarily by the Irvine Co. an absentee landowner in violation of the Reclamation Law and the Elmore Family of Brawley. You have already been told that Robert Long, Vice-President of the Irvine Co. made repeated trips to Imperial Valley and made speeches against enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law. (See newspapers of June 26-27, 1966 describing one of these trips).

You have now learned that the big ranchers in 1966 received \$11.2 millions in cash handouts from the Federal Government. By comparison, the poor in 1966 received only \$4.5 millions. The Congressional Record of June 19, 1967 shows that in 1966, the following big ranchers received these amounts of cash payments for "land Diversion". These are fancy words meaning that they were paid money for not doing anything--not growing cotton on this land. They grew another type of crop on this land which they sold and made a profit in addition for not growing cotton on this land.

Elmore Co. Brawley	\$287,026
Jack Elmore Brawley	\$197,219
Irvine Co. El Centro	\$179,737
Stephen Elmore Brawley	\$126,243
John Bryant Calipatria	\$61,173
Robert Brown Brawley	\$56,564

There were many others receiving cash payments for doing nothing--not growing cotton. These will be discussed in other Newsletters. It can be seen that the Elmore Family collects yearly \$610,488 for doing nothing. On other land they grow cotton and receive what is called price supports which amount to \$250,000 yearly. When this is added to the amount of \$610,000 for doing nothing and then the handout for growing beets is added, it means that the Elmore Family collects as handouts close to \$1 million yearly.

So the next time you see a mother with 10 children and who is on welfare and collects \$4,000 yearly to feed, clothe and house her brood, do not begrudge her the \$4,000. She is doing plenty giving birth and taking care of this family. She is really growing a crop of children. Stephen Elmore is the President of Imperial Resources Associates. He, John Bryant, and Robert Brown, are all in the lawsuit to prevent the enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law. When this law is enforced, you and your children will be able to farm and collect these "land Diversion" payments and "price supports" payments.

John Bryant came to this Valley as a migrant worker in 1928. So he had nothing. He says, "I went broke a few years ago on 320 acres of peas". Well, this was before 1946 when there were no frozen peas. This was the most speculative crop in the Valley. Growing lettuce or cantaloupes is conservative compared to growing peas. The peas were grown as Fall or Spring peas and the whole gamble depended on one night's freezing temperature in the winter season ruining the crop. To give this as proof that a family can not live on 320 acres is nonsense.

Ask John Bryant if he was not deferred from World War II service to farm. While others were dying in the war, John Bryant was becoming a war millionaire in farming. Lots of desert land which previously had not been cultivated because of lack of water because there was no Boulder Dam, was bought by Bryant and put into cultivation. He was a Director of the Imperial Irrigation District from 1949 to 1961. He succeeded Evans (Little Caesar) Hewes as Chairman in 1957. Bryant is one of the main persons responsible for the electricity swindle on you of \$14 millions yearly. Bryant has 1120 acres and he is being investigated further. John (War Millionaire) Bryant will be written about further.