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Gentlemen:

I am Dr. Ben Yellen, the Democratic candidate for Assemblyman for the 75th District in California. This District has 200,000 people and is  $9\frac{1}{2}$  times the State of Rhode Island in area.

This letter of complaint to you asking that you make investigations of the situation is being composed on Election Day before I know the results of the election.

The reason I address this letter to all of you is that all of you have jurisdiction in this situation in certain aspects and one letter will describe the different facets.

I wish to file charges of "USE OF THE U.S. MAIL TO DEFRAUD" against THE SAN DIEGO UNION of San Diego, Calif., THE RIVERSIDE ENTERPRISE of Riverside, Calif., and the Schurz newspapers, THE INDIO NEWS, THE BRAWLEY NEWS, and THE EL CENTRO POST-PRESS, all located in California. I also wish to file charges of UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES against the same newspapers particularly in the sense that they are engaging in subversive activities which are destroying the Democratic process which is the foundation of the Government of the U.S.

Now as to the "use of the U.S. mail to defraud". Ordinarily, one thinks of a matter like customers are led to believe that they are receiving gold plated watches through the mail when actually they are brass. These customers are being defrauded "by the use of the U.S. mail" as to the quality of the watches.

THERE IS QUALITY IN NEWSPAPERS ALSO AND THEY ARE SENT THROUGH THE MAIL TO THE CUSTOMERS. But quality in newspapers is much harder to judge than in watches. But the evidence that I will present to you will be conclusive in showing that these newspapers deliberately cheated their customers by mailing them newspapers of very poor quality when the customers were expecting something better.

In the months before an election the customer expects the newspaper to print the statements of the candidates who are opposing each other so that he has the basic knowledge on how to decide to vote. It is also proper that the newspaper give the activities of the candidates so that charge and counter charge will be fully aired so that the customer will be able to make a decision based on reason.

When a newspaper does not do this as regard to one candidate, or prints many statements of one candidate and only prints one article about the other candidate and particularly if the article is derogatory of the candidate in the sense that it does not give the issues as the office seeker states them, then this newspaper is "using the mail to defraud" those customers who receive their newspapers by mail BECAUSE IT IS SENDING A POORER QUALITY NEWSPAPER THAN THE CUSTOMER EXPECTS FOR HIS MONEY.

But in regard to a poor quality newspaper, the situation is NOT EXACTLY like cheating in so-called goldplated watches which after all is just cheating in money. Cheating in political coverage of the opposing candidates is a very serious subversive activity which actually destroys the fabric of the Government of the United States. THE FOUNDATION OF A STRONG DEMOCRACY IS A WELL INFORMED CITIZENRY!!!

It must be pointed out that an ARISTOCRACY is Government by a privileged class which is not elected by the people SO THAT IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE PEOPLE TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE. But a DEMOCRACY in the words of Abraham Lincoln is "OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE" and it is necessary for the people to have knowledge so that they can vote with reason and participate effectively in the functions of Government.

As we all know going to school just gives a base on which more knowledge is added after one leaves school. It can truly be said that one learns more after school through newspapers, magazines, radio, etc. especially about the practical things in life and voting is a very important duty of every citizen for which knowledge is necessary.

What I write is not new. The ancient Greeks had City-States which were run as Democracies. Dionysius (about 30 B.C.) said, "The Foundation of every state is the education of its youth". President John F. Kennedy in a speech on Feb. 6, 1962, said, "Education is both the Foundation and the unifying force of a Democratic way of life".

Long ago I found out that the San Diego Union and the Schurz newspapers (formerly nicknamed PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS) were engaging in subversive activities detrimental to the U.S. Government by keeping the people in ignorance that they were being swindled on their property taxes, on their electricity bills, on the non-enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law and several other rackets of lesser degree by a RURAL MAFIA consisting mainly of absentee landowners.

Because of this collusion with the RURAL MAFIA, I had to resort to the pamphleteering activities similar to what preceded the AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF 1776. With the start of my election campaign, I started distributing my pamphlets so that people would know the issues. It must be pointed out that Assemblyman Victor Veysey issues a weekly Newsletter from Sacramento which is printed in newspapers and weeklies. THIS IS ABOVE AND BEYOND A STEADY STREAM OF ARTICLES GIVING HIS VIEWS AND ACTIVITIES. I knew that he would get constant exposure by the San Diego Union and the Schurz newspapers. I knew that I would get very little but did not expect a COMPLETE CURTAIN OF SILENCE SO THAT ONE WOULD THINK HE IS IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY WITH A CONTROLLED PRESS AND RADIO.

But what came as a complete surprise, was the CURTAIN OF SILENCE set up against me by the Riverside Enterprise. Secondly, since radio stations read excerpts from the local newspapers for local news and since these newspapers printed no articles about me, THERE WAS A COMPLETE CURTAIN OF SILENCE OVER THE RADIO AGAINST ME ALSO.

I am enclosing the pamphlets I issued in my campaign and if you will read them in chronological order, the various facets of the CURTAIN OF SILENCE against me will be explained and the measures I took to stop it. You can readily see the important problems I discussed. NO NEWSPAPER WOULD PRINT ANYTHING ABOUT MY VIEWS. In the meantime there were articles constantly in the newspapers about Veysey. Some of the nonsense printed to expose him to the voters was an article by him telling how he was worried the fish in the Salton Sea would die from too much salt. That the people were being swindled out of \$50 millions yearly by a RURAL MAFIA apparently did not seem newsworthy to the Editors. As late as October 4, 1968, the Schurz papers had not printed one article giving my views, but on page 2 of the Brawley News, there is a picture of Veysey and his campaign manager "tossing their hats into the ring". Just one month before election and this nonsense is printed.

My Newsletter dated October 1, 1968 entitled NEWS BLACKOUT and my Newsletter dated Oct. 21, 1968 scared the newspapers. An Alexander Wells Of the El Centro Post-Press sent me a letter dated Oct. 16, 1968 asking I give my platform in 200 words for printing. This nonsense I disregarded. On Oct. 22nd, a reporter showed up at my office without an appointment and I was very busy and refused to see him. A Homer Clance wrote a back stabbing article against me in the San Diego Union of Oct. 27nd. Several reporters of the Enterprise called me Oct. 23rd but I refused interviews as I wanted to talk to the Editor against last minute back stabbing articles. But a back stabbing article appeared Oct. 31st. HOW DOES THE RURAL MAFIA CONTROL THESE NEWSPAPERS? PAYOFFS?