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F.D. SCHURZ-DISGRACE TO A FREE U.S. PRESS

Franklin Dunn Schurz is the publisher of the South Bend, Indiana TRIBUNE which has a circulation of 115,000. The TRIBUNE is in the second rank when compared to the circulation of newspapers in big cities like Chicago. Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan get the TRIBUNE.

But F. D. Schurz and his group also own a chain of newspapers, the DAILY NEWS, Indio, Calif. (Coachella Valley of Riverside County), the BRAWLEY NEWS, Brawley, Calif. and POST-PRESS, El Centro, Calif. All these newspapers are in a very long valley which is about 150 miles in length. The Southern portion of the Valley is in Imperial County which adjoins Mexico and is called Imperial Valley. The El Centro and Brawley newspapers are here. The Northern portion of the Valley is called Coachella Valley and is located in Riverside County and the Indio paper is there. These are the only daily locally printed paper

This Newsletter tells the story how Franklin D. Schurz and his PRESS PROSTITUTES aid and abet the big ranch interests in swindling the 100,000 people living in these areas out of \$25 millions yearly (\$14 millions in an electricity racket and \$11 millions in property taxes by means of fake low assessments on the big ranches).

Now do not get the idea that F.D. Schurz (no descendant of the famous editor Carl Schurz who would turn over in his grave at the dirty work of F.D. the PUBLISHER PROSTITUTE) is a small town editor-publisher operating on a shoestring who is forced by financial circumstances to bow to the dictates of the big ranch interests.

Franklin Schurz got his A.B. and Master of Business Administration at Harvard University. He is a past President of the Inland Press Association. He is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. He holds the Presidency of the Board of Lay Trustees, Saint Mary's College, South Bend, Indiana; he is on some sort of visiting committee to Notre Dame University. He even fooled the University of Minnesota into awarding him the "Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism" in 1959.

All this history of Schurz is given so that you will learn how the so-called big men in the newspaper business give a lot of lip service to a FREE PRESS but their actions are entirely different.

F.D. Schurz is on the executive committee of the Associated Press. Yet when letters to the Board of Directors of the Assoc. Press in New York and also to the various Directors all over the U.S., tell how Schurz the PROSTITUTE keeps a "blackout" and "curtain of silence" on the \$25 millions yearly swindle, these other so-called big men in Journalism DO NOTHING.

If you write to the Assoc. Press office at 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, you get a pamphlet entitled "TRUTH IS OUR BUSINESS" by Paul Miller who is President of the Assoc. Press. The bylaws of the Assoc. Press state that it is entitled to use the contents of the newspapers belonging to it. How can the Associated Press print the truth if it does nothing about complaints that its members and particularly F.D. Schurz is manipulating the news and running "blackouts"? It so happens that the South Bend Tribune uses the Associated Press. The chain of newspapers in California belonging to the Schurz group is a member

of the United Press International. The U.P.I. is a competitor of the A.P. and operates under the same rules by which it is entitled to use the contents of the newspapers of its members.

The previous publisher was Virgil Pinkley and he was also a PUBLISHER PROSTITUTE. Pinkley had been manager of the United Press office in London during the World War II. Then he was publisher-editor of the Los Angeles Mirror for several years. The Mirror was the afternoon sister paper of the LOS ANGELES TIMES. Pinkley also aided and abetted the big ranch interests in the very same \$25 millions yearly swindle by manipulating the news and keeping a "Curtain of Silence" so that the residents would be brainwashed. As a matter of fact the Pinkley group and the Schurz group were for a period of about 3 years partners in this 3 paper chain.

Repeatedly every few months, the Associated Press, the United Press International, the American Newspaper Publishers Association, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors will attack the Federal Government for "manipulating the news" or "hiding the news".

For instance the Los Angeles Times of April 18, 1968 part I, page 11, has an article via A.P. with the title, "CREDIBILITY GAP WIDER, NEWSPAPER EDITORS SAY". This article tells of how the Freedom of Press Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors accuses the Johnson Administration of a "credibility gap". In the past 3 months these very same newspaper interests have accused the Bar Associations of preventing Freedom of Press in relation to criminal trials.

The newspaper interests are quick to accuse others of interfering with the Freedom of the Press but they remain strangely silent when their own people like Virgil Pinkley and Franklin D. Schurz, who are no small town editors are accused of slaying the Free Press. They make no investigation and they do not try to police their own membership. That is why a Newsletter such as this is being sent all over the U.S. to working newspapermen, news media, government officials, and other interested parties telling about F.D. SCHURZ, THE PUBLISHER PROSTITUTE AND HIS COLLUSION WITH THE BIG RANCH INTERESTS.

Lack of space prevents a detailed analysis how the \$11 millions property tax swindle is perpetrated by the big ranch interests. But the \$14 millions electricity racket will be described. The Imperial Irrigation District sells both irrigation water and electricity. It is a public agency but in fact is controlled by the big ranchers. So it sells the irrigation water to the big ranches at 1/4 the correct price. To make up for the tremendous losses on the irrigation water sales, it charges the 100,000 residents of Imperial and Coachella Valleys 3 times the correct price for electricity so that it swindles homeowners, merchants, businessmen, hotel owners, motel owners, etc. out of \$14 millions yearly.

The big ranchers of Imperial & Coachella Valleys receive about \$15 millions in handouts from the Federal Government. These handouts are disguised under names like "land diversion", "price supports", etc. When this \$15 millions in handouts yearly is added to the yearly \$25 millions in the swindles, it means that the big ranch interests profit to the tune of \$40 millions yearly. The poor on welfare get only \$5 millions yearly so you can see that the big farm interests get 8 times more than the poor.

F.D.Schurz with his REPORTER PROSTITUTES will never print the names of the big ranchers and the big handouts they receive. Instead there is a flood of articles asserting that the poor are moochers and do not want to work. There is a constant unemployment here of 10% to 15% but Schurz will never print an in depth article telling how the big ranchers use "green carders" who are Mexicans living in Mexico and commute to work in the U.S. where they deprive farmworkers and non-farmworkers who live in the U.S. from getting work.

In the April 9, 1968 Councilman election in Brawley where Dr. Yeller was the only candidate running on a platform of reduction of electricity rates, Schurz "blacked out" completely this platform. Schurz is no good