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## Shippers raise \$7,000 for charity

A number of Imperial Valley shippers recently shipped a special load of produce to the East Coast, netting more than \$7,000 that was donated to the Leukemia Society of America.

Although this is the third year of the Produce-for-Cure Leukemia drive, this is the first year that 14 Imperial Valley shippers participated, said Ken M. Balestrieri of Salinas.

"Each year the response by those in the produce industry has been overwhelming," Balestrieri said, through donations of fresh produce, services or cash.

The load of mixed vegetables was shipped last month via Tranfax piggyback to Tourtellot & Co., Inc., a Providence, R.I. produce receiver.

Balestrieri said despite poor market conditions, these benevolent shippers listened to the call for help in the fight against leukemia "and met that call. They are true members of a wonderful industry."

The Imperial Valley and Salinas Valley shippers who donated are Abatti Produce Inc., Sam Andrews & Sons, the Balestrieri Co., Bonanza Packing Co., Central States Trucking, Circle Produce, Colonial Trucking, Conrail, Danny Dannenberg, Five Crowns Inc.

Also: Fresh Western Marketing, Inc., Gene Jackson Farms, Inc., F.G. Lister, J.R. Norton Co., Rancho Packing, Sahara Packing Co., Salinas Lettuce Farmers Co-op, San Bon Inc., Santa Fe Railroad, Signal Produce Co., Tourtellot & Co., Tranfax and the Packer, the produce trade paper.

You can see above the actual article put in the local newspapers to make you believe that the big farm interests practice big charity. I have counted the growers and there are 17 and each have about \$400.

Now I am running as a written candidate for Sheriff of Imperial County because the District Attorney and the Sheriff of Imperial County will not investigate the swindle of you voters out of \$53 millions yearly on your electricity bills by the Imperial Irrigation District. The growers called "benevolent" who work in Imperial Valley, benefit from the electricity swindle of you, for they escape paying hundreds of thousands of dollars not paying the correct price for the irrigation water. The purpose of the swindle is to use the profits so that the growers pay only \$9 per acre foot of water instead of \$40. IS THIS CHARITY?

Your attention is drawn to the Sahara Packing Co. which is owned by the Elmore family of Brawley. This family collects about one million dollars yearly for NOT GROWING COTTON. How would you like to collect this sum of money for not working? Then look at J. R. Norton Co. which has an office in Brawley at Main and Eastern. J. R. Norton collects \$3.2 millions yearly FOR NOT GROWING COTTON on farms in California and Arizona.

Write in Dr. Yellen for Sheriff so he can use the \$1,000 salary to hire lawyers in Los Angeles to break the electricity swindle. You are giving charity to yourselves when you vote June 3, 1986 for Dr. Yellen.