

NEWSLETTER FROM DR. BEN YELLEN  
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# SENIOR CITIZENS

This message is directed to all retired folk in the 75th Assembly District but it is especially meant for those who live in the Beaumont, Banning, and San Jacinto areas where many Senior Citizens live.

I, Ben Yellen, am a candidate for Assemblyman of the 75th District in the coming election Nov. 5, 1968. Victor Veysey who has been Assemblyman for 6 years is my opponent. Because he is supported by the big ranch interests, the truth about him has not been printed in the newspapers of Imperial County and the Eastern 2/3 of Riverside County which comprise the 75th District. So be sure to pass this pamphlet on to another Senior Citizen.

MR. VEYSEY IS A MILLIONAIRE RANCHER WHO IS A LEECH ON THE BODY POLITIC. HE MOOCHEES ABOUT \$100,000.00 YEARLY FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY LEVELS. HE IS A RELATIVELY YOUNG MAN WHO HAS BEEN COLLECTING THESE HANDOUTS (DISGUISED BY FANCY NAMES) FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. HE HAS STILL MANY YEARS TO GO BEFORE HE BECOMES 65 YEARS OLD AND BEGINS TO COLLECT HIS SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION.

This is the important point I wish to make--you retired citizens have to wait until you are 65 years old before you start to collect your small Social Security pension for which deductions were made from your wages or your husband's wages. But Leech Veysey collected money from various levels of the Government long before he becomes 65 years old and this money amounts to \$100,000.00 yearly. This millionaire moocher has had no deductions made from his income for with his big ranch he has a "tax shelter" by means of which he escapes more than 50% of his property taxes and pays almost nothing in State and Federal income taxes.

BUT THAT IS NOT ALL!!! ASSEMBLYMAN VEYSEY'S GREED AND CRUELTY IS SUCH THAT HE BEGRUDGES A FEW DOLLARS TO THOSE SENIOR CITIZENS WHOSE SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION IS SO SMALL THAT IT MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SUM OF MONEY GIVEN BY THE WELFARE DEPT. SO THE RETIRED PERSON WOULD NOT STARVE TO DEATH.

Here is how Veysey voted against Senior Citizens getting \$5.00 to \$7.00 more per month. Because of the increase in the cost of living, the Federal Government raised the Social Security pensions by \$5.00 to \$7.00 per month. But for those Senior Citizens who have to get a supplemental check from the Welfare Dept., this is what happened. The Welfare Dept. deducted the \$5.00 to \$7.00 from its check so that these retired folk are forced to live on the same sum of money despite the increase in the cost of living.

Assemblyman John Burton of San Francisco introduced Assembly Bill #25 which would stop the Welfare Dept. from deducting the \$5.00 to \$7.00 so that the Senior Citizens who need a supplemental check from the Welfare Dept. so they do not starve, would also participate by getting the little extra money because of the increase of the cost of living. Thousands of retired folk are in this predicament!

ASSEMBLYMAN VEYSEY VOTED AGAINST THIS BILL!!! I REPEAT THAT VEYSEY VOTED AGAINST THIS BILL!!! HE DID NOT WANT THE RETIRED CITIZENS TO GET \$5.00 TO \$7.00 MORE A MONTH. YET VEYSEY HIMSELF GETS HANDOUTS OF \$100,000.00 EACH YEAR. HOW CRUEL AND GREEDY CAN A MAN BE???

Here is ~~another~~ example of Veysey's disregard for little people. Everyone knows that farmworkers are the poorest of the poor. Farming is the biggest industry in the State of California. The yearly production amounts to \$4 billions. So you can realize how many farmworkers are in the State and particularly Riverside and Imperial Counties.

Workers in every industry in the state, when they are laid off, are entitled to draw unemployment pay. YET IN THE BIGGEST INDUSTRY OF THE STATE THE BIG FARM INTERESTS HAVE PREVENTED THE ENACTMENT OF THE LAW WHEREBY FARMWORKERS WILL DRAW UNEMPLOYMENT PAY WHEN LAID OFF.

This year again a bill was introduced in the State Assembly to make it possible for farmworkers to draw unemployment pay when laid off. On page A-2 of the Riverside, Calif. Press-Enterprise 7/11/68 is a report as to what Leech Veysey did in regards to this bill. It says, "Assemblyman Victor V. Veysey, R-Brawley, led the near solid Republican opposition to the measure".

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES MILLIONAIRE MOOCHER VEYSEY \$20,000.00 SO THAT HE NOT GROW COTTON ON CERTAIN LAND. THEN HE GROWS ANOTHER CROP ON THIS LAND WITHDRAWN FROM COTTON GROWING. THE GOVERNMENT PAYS ANOTHER \$20,000.00 TO THE MOOCHER AS PRICE SUPPORTS FOR GROWING COTTON, BEETS, AND FEED GRAINS. THE TOTAL RECEIVED BY VEYSEY AS HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT IS \$40,000.00. BUT VEYSEY IS TOO GREEDY AND CRUEL TO REALIZE THAT FARMWORKERS NEED HELP IN THE FORM OF UNEMPLOYMENT PAY WHEN THEY ARE LAID OFF WORK.

You Senior Citizens have paid heavy Federal Income taxes so that Veysey and the other big ranchers can collect these big handouts. In Imperial County alone, the big farm interests collect \$12 millions yearly while the poor on welfare only get \$4.5 millions.

Veysey and his gang of big ranchers control the Imperial Irrigation District in Imperial County and the Coachella Valley Irrigation District in Riverside County. They swindle Senior Citizens and other citizens amounting to 110,000 people out of the 200,000 in the 75th District, out of \$14 millions yearly. This is done by selling the irrigation water to the ranches at 1/4 the correct price and charging the electricity users 3 times the correct price to make up for the tremendous losses sustained in selling the irrigation water.

One of the main reasons I am running for Assemblyman is to introduce a bill into the State Legislature so that the Imperial Irrigation District will be put under the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION and then the irrigation water will be sold at the correct price and 110,000 people will pay only 1/3 for electricity. VEYSEY WILL NEVER INTRODUCE SUCH A BILL. HE LIKES TO ESCAPE PAYING \$40,000.00 IN IRRIGATION WATER BILLS.

The big farm interests also control the Assessors in Riverside and Imperial Counties. The result is that the farmland gets fake very low assessments so that in Imperial County, the big ranchers escape \$8 millions yearly in property taxes. In the Coachella Valley Water District portion of Riverside County the ranchers escape \$3 millions yearly in property taxes. In the Blythe area, the same thing is happening. Veysey escapes \$10,000.00 yearly in farm property taxes this way!

You retired citizens particularly those living in the Beaumont, Banning and San Jacinto areas have to pay more county taxes because the big ranchers in Riverside County do not pay their correct taxes.

Moocher Veysey as Assemblyman gets \$20,000.00 yearly as salary, \$25.00 per day expenses, etc. He does nothing for 95% of the people. He just looks after his own interests and those of his fellow big ranchers. ELECT DR. BEN YELLEN ASSEMBLYMAN ON NOV. 5, 1968. PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS PAMPHLET TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND OTHER VOTERS.