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GOVERNMENT GIVES CHARITY HANDOUTS OF \$11.2 MILLIONS CASH TO BIG RANCH- ERS IN 1966

In 1966, the Federal Government gave the big farmers of Imperial County, Calif. \$11.2 millions cash as charity handouts to help them out. But in the same time, the poor on welfare received \$4.5 millions in charity handouts to help them out.

When the handouts are given to the big ranchers, it is called subsidies and when it is given to the poor, it is called welfare. But by whatever name you call it, it is still handouts and you the working people who are not on welfare, and you the merchants and businessmen, are all paying heavy taxes so that the government is able to give these cash handouts.

But then you say, "Is this possible that the big ranchers who are millionaires are receiving handouts which are about 3 times that of the poor. I do not mind paying taxes to help the unfortunate poor but why should I pay taxes for MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS who have more money, assets, and make more income yearly than I do."

So satisfy yourself that the truth is being given in this Newsletter. Go to the library in Brawley, El Centro, or Calexico. Ask the librarian in Brawley for the Brawley News of Feb. 10, 1967 and look at page 12 and you will see the article entitled, "VALLEY FARMERS GET \$11 MILLIONS CASH SUBSIDIES". In El Centro, see the Imperial Valley Press of Feb. 10, 1967 and you will see the same article. In Calexico, ask for the Calexico Daily News of the same date and you will see the same article.

Then ask the librarians to show you the Budget of Imperial County for 1966-67 and look at page 285 and you will see that the poor on welfare got \$4.5 millions in 1966 to keep them from starving. Some of you may prefer to go to the Auditor's Office in the County Courthouse in El Centro and look at the budget there.

So the next time you hear a MILLIONAIRE MOOCHER make a speech in which he tells you that the poor are the cause of the high taxes, just repeat to this BEGGAR IN A CADILLAC that he receives about 3 times more in handouts than the poor and give him the figures.

But this is not all. These big ranchers are here in violation

of the U.S. Reclamation Law of 1902 which says 1. That in order to to get irrigation water to farm here, the person doing the farming, must live here; and 2. That a husband and wife can get water to farm 320 acres.

The MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS do not want to stop their mooching which is dependent on their farming big acreages so that they can collect big subsidies. That is how they squeeze out the little farmers--they hog all the subsidies so the little farmers get none or very little. Many of these big ranchers collect over \$10,000 to \$20,000 yearly in handouts in payment for not growing cotton!!! At the same time they grow some other crop on this land and make big profits on the substitute crop.

The big ranchers have a propoganda machine which tries to brainwash you through the newspapers, radio and television that a small farmer can not make a living. So let us see what would happen in Imperial County if the U.S. Reclamation Law of 1902 was correctly enforced. There are 460,000 acres here which receive irrigation water subject to the limitation of the U.S. Reclamation Law.

If each husband and wife (the family) had a 320 acres farm, it would mean that 320 divided into 460,000 gave a figure of about 1,500 family farms. Now the amount of subsidies yearly is \$11.2 millions and since there would be only little farmers here, this means that since the handouts would be distributed more fairly, that it would average out that each family farm got a subsidy of \$7,500 yearly.

I repeat that each family farm would get a yearly subsidy of \$7,500 as help. If a mother with 10 children who is unfortunate to be on welfare, gets only \$4,000 yearly to support this family of 11, you can therefore see that the average family farm here will get almost twice what this mother on welfare gets.

But don't forget that the \$7,500 yearly is only the subsidy to the family farm. When this family farmer sells his agricultural products he is going to make profits on his produce. So it is fair to assume that the family farm of 320 acres will make at least \$10,000 or over counting the subsidy and the sales of produce. HOW MANY OF YOU MAKE \$10,000 OR MORE A YEAR?

All these family farms will patronize local merchants and local businessmen. The total income here is \$20 millions yearly profit on a gross agricultural production of \$225 millions. When the \$20 millions and \$11 millions in subsidy are added together, the total is \$31 millions. This will almost all be spent locally and you can see how the local economy will boom. Under present conditions, since the MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS are mainly absentee landowners, 80% of the \$31 millions or \$25 millions leave the Valley and is not turned over once here. Only \$6 millions is left to be turned over in stores and with the various businessmen. IS IT ANY WONDER THAT BUSINESS IS SICK HERE? This is one of the main reasons chain stores and independent stores have been closing in the towns all over the Valley. The other big reason is that the big ranchers first with the Public Law #78 braceros and now with the "green cards" Mexicans who live in Mexico and commute to work here, refuse to give work to domestic farmworkers because the foreigners will work more cheaply and longer hours. But domestic farmworkers can not support themselves and their families on these low wages.

In 1947, the big ranchers of the San Joaquin Valley in California tried to stop the U.S. Reclamation Law by saying that a family could not make a living on 320 acres. Don't forget this was 20 years ago. This attempt to break the law failed because a brochure was shown to Congress which had been issued by the Fresno Chamber of Commerce to induce farmers to settle there. This brochure said a family farm could make a living on 30 acres of oranges, or 45 acres of grapes, or a 100 of alfalfa, or 120 of cotton. THIS IS STILL TRUE!!!