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VOTE FOR HUBERT HUMPHREY

I am Dr. Ben Yellen, candidate for Assemblyman of the 75th District. There are many serious problems in this District which I am trying to solve. The rank and file of both the Republican and Democratic parties will profit immensely when these problems are solved. So I want to point out that I, personally, am not running on a partisan basis for I am attacking BIG DEMOCRATIC RANCHERS AND BIG REPUBLICAN RANCHERS ALIKE FOR THEY ARE THE CAUSE OF THESE SERIOUS CONDITIONS WHEREBY THE LITTLE PEOPLE IN BOTH PARTIES ARE BEING SWINDLED ON TAXES, ELECTRICITY BILLS, AND IN THE RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING IN FARMING.

Many of the aspects of these problems are Federal in nature. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE RECORD OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY SHOWS THAT HE WILL HELP US. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I GIVE YOU THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN CONSIDER IT AND MAKE UP YOUR MINDS AS TO WHOM TO VOTE FOR. KNOWLEDGE WILL SHOW MR. HUMPHREY THE CHOICE.

On the National level, all the candidates for President say they will try to stop the Viet Nam war. Then they all claim they will try to cut expenses of Government so taxes will be lower. The riots in the big city is another serious situation, they will try to alleviate. So all candidates claim to want to do the same thing and all us voters are puzzled whom to vote for.

We are people living in a rural area and our knowledge of the National and International matters is limited. So naturally, we can not give a good opinion because we do not have the facts. This is the reason President Johnson had all candidates for the Presidency before they were picked by their parties to be the candidate, to learn the secret information that the Federal Government had on International and National affairs.

But you voters in the 75th Assembly District know more about the facts about the serious conditions here than any official in Washington. However, even on the local level, many facts have not been printed in the newspapers like those of SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS which has newspapers in Indio, Brawley and El Centro. This chain of newspapers keeps the facts from you or prints lies, or distorts the news, because they are afraid of losing the advertising of the big farm interests and their allies. The other newspapers circulating in the 75th District have been better but still are a long way from printing the information that you have read in my Newsletters for the past 8 years. Only this Newsletter gives the pure unadulterated financial facts.

Riverside County and Imperial County lead in the value of agricultural production in Southern California. Riverside ranks 5th and Imperial ranks 6th in the U.S. as to yearly agricultural production. So you can quickly realize that the power structure in these counties is the big farm interests. In the State of California, the agricultural industry produces \$4 billions yearly and ranks first. So you can understand that in the State, the agricultural industry and its allies are the "establishment".

The 75th Assembly District consists of the "Pass Area" (Sunnymead, Beaumont, Banning, San Jacinto, etc.) and the "Desert Area" (Cabazon, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Indio, Coachella, Thermal, Blythe, the Coachella Valley County Water District, and the Palo Verde Irrigation District), all in Riverside County plus the entire Imperial County with its big cities of El Centro, Brawley, and Calexico, and the tremendous Imperial Irrigation District and the small Bard Irrigation District. In short, the 75th District consists of the Eastern 2/3 of Riverside

County and all of Imperial County.

It is necessary to understand all this geography for the serious problems are present in the "Desert Area" of Riverside County especially in the Coachella Valley County Water District and the Palo Verde Irrigation District, and in all of Imperial County and especially in the Imperial Irrigation District.

These three big irrigation districts where crops grow year round were made possible by the building of the Boulder Dam on the Colorado River which is the Eastern boundary of both Riverside and Imperial Counties. Prior to the Boulder Dam, ranchers in these irrigation districts were always going broke because the crops would wither because of the undependable supply of irrigation water.

The Boulder Dam was built in the early 1930's and water given by this Dam is subject to the provisions of the U.S. Reclamation Law of 1902. President Theodore Roosevelt when signing this law said, "the money is being spent to build up the little man of the West so that no big man from the East or West can come in and monopolize the water and the land".

But big ranchers (many corporations) have come into these 3 irrigation districts and have prevented the enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law of 1902 which states, 1. Only bonafide residents who live on the land or close by, can get water to irrigate the land for farming, 2. One person is able to get water to farm 160 acres (husband and wife can farm 320 acres).

There are big fortunes being made by these big ranchers who have forced out the little ranchers. One is the Irvine Co. which is worth \$500 millions and another is the Purex Corp. which is worth \$300 millions. There are lots of millionaires worth \$1 million to \$5 millions having ranches in these 3 irrigation districts.

These big farm interests have imposed quite a few swindling schemes on the population of 200,000 in the 75th District. With their wealth they are able to elect Congressmen, State Legislators, Judges, County Assessors, County Supervisors, City Councilmen, etc. by giving campaign contributions to those running for these offices. The corrupt Assessors of Riverside and Imperial Counties put fake low assessments on the big ranches. So the big farm interests are always able to escape at least 50% and some up to 80% of the County property taxes, school taxes, irrigation district taxes, etc.

These big ranchers are mainly Republican but there is a sprinkling of big Democrat ranchers, all of whom work in unison to exploit the people. The rest of the people, 95% of the population who are rank and file Republicans and rank and file Democrats like merchants, working people, businessmen, retired persons, etc., have to pay extra taxes to make up for the big farm interests. In Imperial County this tax swindle amounts to \$8 millions and in Riverside County to even more.

The Imperial Irrigation District runs a \$14 millions electricity swindle in Imperial County and the Coachella Valley County Water District so the big ranches can get irrigation water at 1/4 the correct price.

The big farm interests bring in Greencard Mexicans who live in Mexico and cross daily to go to work in the U.S. Local Workers can not get work. The Greencard Mexicans take their wages back to Mexico to spend and local merchants and businessmen have poor business.

My protests to the President Johnson Administration brought results. The Federal Government started a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in San Diego, Calif. to stop irrigation water to the big ranchers in the Imperial Irrigation District. If Richard Nixon had won the Presidency in 1960, this would not have happened for Nixon, Reagan, Rafferty and all the big Republicans in California have made public statements against enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law. By enforcement, is the only way to get rid of these big ranchers who unmercifully are swindling all the little people in both the Republican and Democratic parties in the 75th District.

Vice President Humphrey is famous for helping the little people. He recently came out in favor of the grape workers strike. Mr. Nixon, Reagan and Rafferty spoke against the grape strikers. In the Riverside Enterprise 9/6/68, a big Democrat L. Steinberg of Palm Springs and an ally of the big ranchers spoke against Mr. Humphrey. So you see the big ranchers and their allies are against Humphrey. They know that on the National level, Mr. Humphrey will help the little people against the exploiters. VOTE FOR HUMPHREY FOR PRESIDENT. Vote for me so I can fight for you locally.