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SPEAKOUT for Dec. 11, 1988

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So it all simmers down to money. Getting the money to buy, fix, and insure the auto requires money and it all comes out of your pocket-book that pays for the food, clothing, shelter, etc. So it makes no difference what happens in the proposition 103 uproar, you need money.

So I will tell you how to get money. It is an old story but by repetition you who live in the valley may take steps to help yourselves. There was a Governor Hiram Johnson in the 1920's in California. His father was the chief lawyer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. As a child, he would hear his mother and father talk. He learned that the S.P.R.R. would bribe the legislators, various officials, Judges, etc. and get what it wanted. He decided to go into politics and have a law made so that the voters could vote for a law they wanted and bypass the legislature. So thank Governor Hiram Johnson for the insurance companies spent \$70 millions to convince you not to vote for the proposition.

And now how to get the money. This advice is for everyone living here whether you own your own home or not. Ninety percent of the farmland is owned by absentee landowners who without exception escape at least 66% of their farmland taxes by reason of fake low assessments. So everyone who is retired and reprisals can not be done against him, Write Voice of the People letters protesting the non collection of taxes from the absentee owners of farmland. When they are taxed, the taxes of the residents here will drop so you will have more money for autos, fixing, insurance, etc.

The same group should write letters to the Voice of the People protesting the high electricity bills and asking that they be reduced to one third. When this happens, you will have more money in your pocket-book. I make a special plea to Merry Harris that she visit people and show them how to write these letters. **DO NOT FORGET WRITE AT LEAST 2 LETTERS A MONTH.**

Now this advice is especially for residents of Brawley. Go down to the Brawley Horse Grounds and look at it. You will see a big horse feeding business with people living on the place. This contract for rent of \$1.00 a year is a fake. Tremendous amounts of workers paid by the City of Brawley are used for the horse grounds. This is all hidden from you by Ed Rutherford and his group plus the Chamber of Commerce. In El Centro, it has a parade to help the merchants with Santa Claus as the theme. In Brawley, a mob of people who follow rodeos, come and sell and take the money out of town hurting local merchants. Also remember that Ed Rutherford acts as a bigshot, which he is for he has a stranglehold on the rodeo on which he makes good money and nobody else can compete with him. So write letters about this and get money for yourselves

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Dec. 14, 1988

Richard Fitch, the publisher of the Brawley News and the Imperial Valley Press, invited the readers to give their views on the passage of Prop. 103, which concerned auto insurance. The letters were to be printed in the Dec. 11, 1988 issue under SPEAKOUT.

You are strongly urged to read what Jack Hart of Brawley wrote. Then read my letter which you see lower down. Then look at what I really wrote on the other side of this leaflet. You can see that the most important part of what I wrote has been omitted. Fitch censors the news for the benefit of the MANURE MAFIA which has been swindling you in wholesale fashion. This has been done many times by him. Another recent censoring of the news occurred in the Nov. 28, 1988 issue where under the heading **JOBLESS RATES RISE IN VALLEY**, Fitch leaves out the unemployment rate of Imperial County which is now most likely about 35%.

YOU DO NOT HAVE A FREE PRESS HERE. The merchants all know that the absentee landlords that are 90% of the Manure Mafia, do not spend their profits here. So when you go to your merchants' stores, urge them to reduce the advertising they put in **FITCH'S FAKE PRESS**. Let him feel how it is to lose money like you residents are doing when Fitch protects the **MANURE MAFIA** by not telling the truth in the newspapers.

You do not have to throw rocks or bottles of flaming kerosene at Fitch, his pocketbook will understand the dwindling income from less advertising. **BE A FREE AMERICAN WHO FIGHTS FOR A FREE PRESS SO THAT YOU REMAIN FREE!!!**

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