

NEWSLETTER FROM DR. BEN YELLEN  
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# DO NOT VOTE FOR JOHN TUNNEY

FOR CONGRESSMAN FOR THE 38TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (IMPERIAL &  
RIVERSIDE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA) ON NOVEMBER 3rd, 1964.

Many of the readers of the NEWSLETTER FROM DR. BEN YELLEN will recall the Newsletter of March 1st, 1963 entitled, "REPUBLICAN BIG FARMERS CONTROL CONGRESSMAN MARTIN". In this issue Dr. Yellen told how Republican Congressman Martin is the stooge of the large ranch interests. It was revealed that Congressman Pat Martin is a member of the House Subcommittee on Reclamation and Irrigation. Yet he comes into Imperial County to make speeches BUT NEVER TALKS ABOUT THE VIOLATION OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION LAW. Despite the fact that in 1957, in the Arizona versus California lawsuit where the U.S. Dept. of Justice entered a statement that the Imperial Irrigation District was distributing the water in violation of the U.S. Reclamation Law, Martin never has spoken on the matter. That is what the big farmers want, a CURTAIN OF SILENCE so that the residents know nothing and are fooled.

Now John Tunney comes along and wants to be elected Congressman and he will not speak about the U.S. Reclamation Law. Tunney claims to be a Democrat. He poses as the friend of the little people. We all know that Congressman Martin is the enemy of the county residents and this Newsletter will give you the evidence to show that John Tunney is also an enemy of the great mass of people.

To repeat what is at stake in this election, just remember that Imperial County has an agricultural production of \$214 millions yearly and this production gives the County 4th place in the United States. If the Reclamation Law were enforced, only the residents of this County would share in this \$214 millions. As it is now, absentee landowners get most of this money. Young men cannot become little farmers here and must leave to make a living. Our young women have to leave because all the potential husbands are exiting. The big ranch interests because of their economic power control the County government and the Imperial Irrigation District. So the great mass of residents are forced to pay higher county taxes and higher electricity bills so that the big ranches can escape paying their correct taxes and get cheap irrigation water at the expense of the residents.

The question then arises in the reader's mind that if Congressman Martin is the stooge of the big ranches, what is the advantage in not voting for John Tunney. 95% of the big ranchers are Republican and they control the Republican Party here. They want only a Republican as Congressman for he will do what they want. So the only hope of the little people is a Democratic candidate for Congressman who will run on the platform of enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law.

By refusing to vote for John Tunney and any other Democratic candidate for Congress who will not work for enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law, we voters will teach John Tunney a lesson and the next Democrat who runs will know what is expected of him. Do not forget that a Congressman gets now \$19,000 annual salary and about \$50,000 for expenses. Why should we give Tunney this and have him betray us? You are reminded that in two years, there will be the next election

for Congressman. We residents have been exploited by the large ranch interests for so many years, waiting 2 more years just requires a little more patience.

Efforts to get enforcement will not stop during this 2 years waiting period for Dr. Yellen is running for Supervisor from the 4th Supervisorial District of Imperial County. If elected, he intends to donate the yearly salary of \$4800 for the expenses of a lawsuit to be carried to the U.S. Supreme Court so that the Reclamation Law is enforced. Remember that the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ordered enforcement in the Ivanhoe Water District case which is similar to the situation in Imperial County.

Here is the evidence to show that John Tunney is no good. When he announced he was a candidate for Congressman about 8 months ago, Dr. Yellen sent him a letter inviting him to visit Dr. Yellen for one hour to be shown various legal and non-legal documents about the U.S. Reclamation Law. Tunney was told to come as soon as possible before the election campaign became hectic.

JOHN TUNNEY IS A YOUNG LAWYER IN HIS EARLY THIRTIES. HE IS INEXPERIENCED IN RECLAMATION MATTERS. YET HE CONSTANTLY EVADED SEEING DR. YELLEN AND LEARNING ABOUT THESE SUBJECTS.

To show how important these documents are, Dr. Yellen showed them to high officials in the U.S. Dept. of Interior. These officials had never seen them before. They asked for permission to make photocopies of these papers. Only about 15 days ago, Ben Yellen showed these documents to Mr. Stewart French, Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs which has charge of reclamation and irrigation. He was so interested that he wanted a copy. YET JOHN TUNNEY MAKES NO EFFORT TO LEARN WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT AND HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN THESE MATTERS.

John Tunney recently made a speech in front of the Senior Citizens Club of El Centro. He promised them to vote for Medicare. But apparently Tunney is not worried that these Senior Citizens often do not have enough to eat because they have to pay high taxes and high electricity bills so that the absentee landowners can make more money.

Tunney challenged Martin to give answers on use of nuclear weapons, selling the Tennessee Valley Authority and about the Social Security program. It is unknown what Mr. Tunney knows about nuclear weapons and the Social Security Program, but the Tennessee Valley Authority is an agency which gives the people in that region electricity at cheap prices. Yet here the Imperial Irrigation District is swindling us on the electricity but John does not pay any attention to his own Congressional District.

Tunney pals with 3 big farmers who claim to be Democrats. They are Ed Rutherford and Jim House of Brawley and Dave Freedman of Thermal. These big farmers threw a banquet for John. Has John got the itchy palm and believes he will get big campaign contributions from these men if he keeps his mouth shut about the Reclamation Law? If so, he better remember that we the great mass of the people have the votes and Dr. Yellen is not going to permit the people to be hoodwinked.

In ancient times in both Rome and Constantinople, the Emperors had an old political trick. When the people were groaning under the burden of heavy taxes and the difficulty of making a living, the Emperors would have circuses at which the people were entertained to make them forget their troubles. John Tunney is pulling the same political trick on the voters on Sept. 27, 1964. He will parade gladiators--- pardon me, I mean prizefighters in front of the populace. Then he will show them movies of prizefights. This Newsletter will teach the voters not to be hoodwinked by all this entertainment---we want enforcement of the Reclamation Law; lower county taxes; lower electricity bills; work for the people; and business for the merchants.

John Tunney is a fraud---he wants the \$30,000 salary and the honor but he will not help the people. Teach him that we can not be fooled.  
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