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DR. RAFFERTY HAS LOST HIS TONGUE

For a long time I have been reading statements about Americanism and Patriotism made by Dr. Max Rafferty. It has been impossible for me to find out exactly what he means by Americanism and Patriotism. Dr. Rafferty has accused others of not having these two virtues.

If you will read your history book about the American Revolution, you will find that the events causing the Revolution were as follows:

- year 1764-American colonists protested the Sugar Act which made them pay taxes on imported sugar.
- year 1765-American colonists protested Stamp Act which forced payment of taxes on newspapers, marriage licenses, deeds, etc. Big demonstrations in the streets. Boxes of stamps were set afire. Effigies of gov't stamp distributors burned in streets.
- year 1770-People demonstrating in streets, booing English troops used to help collect taxes; Troops fire on demonstrators in Boston; quite a few demonstrators killed; known as the "BOSTON MASSACRE".
- year 1773-Several thousand men board ships in Boston Harbor and throw overboard tea on which they refuse to pay taxes; known in history as the "BOSTON TEA PARTY".

So you can see that the PATRIOTS who started the AMERICAN REVOLUTION were intensely concerned with TAXES. They were right for every civilized government has to collect taxes so that it can perform the benefits that it gives its citizens. Taxes are like the hub of a wheel and from the hub the spokes radiate making it possible for the wheel to work. Taxes make it possible for the government to function.

Here in Imperial County, California, there is a situation whereby big ranch interests, most of which do not reside in the county escape 50% to 75% of their farmland taxes. These big ranches should pay about \$6 millions in yearly taxes and instead pay about \$2 millions. The little people here who should pay about \$4 millions in yearly taxes, are forced to pay about \$8 millions. The little people who are the rank and file Democrats and Republicans are forced to pay \$4 millions more in yearly taxes because of the fake assessments by John Bowman.

The big ranchers use the public schools to distribute their propaganda as seen in the election on the override tax on March 13, 1962. Supt. Steimle of Brawley permitted this to occur. The big farms swindle the people out of \$14 millions yearly in electricity bills so that they can get cheap irrigation water. Discussion about these matters is the patriotic duty of everyone. Dr. Max Rafferty who goes about making speeches on Americanism and Patriotism came here on Nov. 8, 1963 to make a speech before 1,000 teachers. You can judge for yourself if Dr. Rafferty has the guts to discuss the very patriotic subject of taxes especially so when the large ranches which support him are the ones who are cheating the citizenry. Here is the evidence:

Nov. 11, 1963

Dear Dr. Rafferty,

I am sending this letter with the enclosed Newsletters "registered mail, return receipt requested" to make sure you receive it. Your campaign platform stressed the teaching of American-

ism and the three R's. You have received the award from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge for your work on Americanism.

Recently you spoke at a Teachers' Institute for Imperial County at Brawley. The following Newsletters were distributed:

Dr. Rafferty

Does Supt. Steimle Know What Americanism Is?

SuperPatriot Veysey

How the Poor Are Kept Poor

County Supervisors Permit Assessor Bowman to Swindle Little People

Five hundred copies of each Newsletter were distributed to the 1,000 teachers. A total of 2,500 Newsletters were therefore given out. They told how certain teachers were going about making speeches on Americanism and spies. Members of school boards were doing the same thing. THESE PERSONS NEVER DISCUSS TAXES.

These speakers were very brave in attacking an enemy without who was 8,000 miles away. BUT THE SPEAKERS WERE AFRAID TO ATTACK THE ENEMY WITHIN WHO WAS TEARING DOWN THE FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

The enemies within are the big farm interests who do not pay their correct taxes, create high electricity bills for the average citizen so that they can get cheap irrigation water, flout the U.S. Reclamation Law so that local citizens are deprived of a gross income of \$200 millions yearly, control the local newspapers so that there is no free press, prevent free speech by economic reprisals, and finally use the school system and the teachers to distract the attention of the citizenry from the fact THAT A FALSE AMERICANISM IS IN CONTROL HERE.

In the Newsletter, "DR. RAFFERTY", you were invited to speak on this matter of school teachers going around making speeches on Americanism and spies and thereby distracting the attention of the people from what the enemies within, the large ranches, were doing.

In none of your speeches did you discuss these perversions of the public school system for the benefit of the big farm interests. It is highly possible that the ones conducting you about Imperial Valley practiced suppression of a free press on you by not permitting these Newsletters to come to your attention. Therefore, you made no comment.

This letter is therefore sent to you to give you an opportunity to discuss these matters. I would suggest that you make up a press release and send it to the local newspapers and radio stations. Be sure to send me a copy. If the newspapers and radio outlets suppress your statement, I will print it in a Newsletter.

Yours truly,
Ben Yellen, M.D.

In a letter dated Nov. 18, 1963, here is the reply of Dr. Rafferty: "The problems which concern you seem to be economic ones, not educational ones. I make it an invariable policy never to comment on non-educational matters."

Our forefathers who created the United States started the American Revolution because of TAXES. Yet Dr. Rafferty evidently does not think taxes are a patriotic subject. He thinks of them as an "economic" matter. If our forefathers thought as Dr. Rafferty, there never would have been an American Revolution. Dr. Rafferty wants patriotism in education but when confronted with practical patriotism, he refuses to discuss it. TAXES ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF GOVERNMENT.

On Dec. 3, 1963, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner had a press release from Patriot Rafferty. He was going to give 30,000 pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to be hung in the classrooms. This is Dr. Rafferty's idea of Americanism. Making school children venerate pictures is just to make them "image worshipers". This is not teaching Americanism. Hanging excerpts of the speeches of Washington and Lincoln on the schoolroom walls will actually teach Americanism for the children will learn the Principles of Democracy.

Americanism means knowing the Principles of Democracy and practicing these Principles. Dr. Rafferty. Lip service is not enough!!!