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Residents of Imperial Valley,

The local newspapers of April 23, 1979 have a one page article with many pictures in which the Economic Opportunity Commission tells older people to come to a Health Fair today at its offices at 510 Main St. in El Centro, Calif.

THIS IS ALL A FAKE. It is a publicity gimmick by the Economic Opportunity Commission to distract you so that you do not learn the very bad job the EOC is doing not only for the older residents but also for the younger people.

The previous Director of the EOC raised so much hell about how the poor and older people were being treated, that the Imperial County Board of Supervisors fired him. Cameron Hendry, the present Director runs things in such a way that the Board of Supervisors are not criticized, so that he has kept his job for a very long time to the detriment of the poor and the older people.

Taking your blood pressure all the time, testing your urine for sugar, or testing your blood for the amount of cholesterol, are not going to solve your basic problem which is money. This health fair idea is just a smoke screen to hide from you that CAMERON HENDRY WILL NOT TACKLE REAL PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT YOU GREATLY.

Seventy percent of the farmland is owned by absentee landowners. They all escape 66% of their farmland taxes. YOU RESIDENTS HAVE TO PAY HIGHER TAXES TO MAKE UP FOR THE TAXES THE ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS DO NOT PAY. So when you older people on a pension want to buy a steak and can not, some of you buy cans of dog food so you can get meat to eat. If you have a home, you pay these higher taxes directly. But renters also pay the higher taxes for their rents are higher for they include the higher taxes the landlord of the apartments has to pay. NOT ONCE HAS CAMERON HENDRY MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT THE ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS ESCAPING 66% OF THEIR TAXES. Cameron Hendry is being paid to look after the poor and older people but does not. THAT IS WHY TODAY DR. BEN YELLEN AND HIS GROUP ARE DEMONSTRATING IN FRONT OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BUILDING, DISTRIBUTING THIS LEAFLET,, SHOUTING AND DISPLAYING THEIR SIGNS, " CAMERON HENDRY STINKS".

You have never heard a public statement by Cameron Hendry about the high prices you have to pay for electricity sold to you by the Imperial Irrigation District. Cameron Hendry has never once contacted me, Dr. Ben Yellen, to look over my investigated material that shows that your electricity bills should be 1/3 of what you are now paying. You are being overcharged so that the absentee landowners can get the irrigation water for their farmland at 1/4 the correct price. THAT IS WHY CAMERON HENDRY STINKS.

I, Dr. Ben Yellen, on June 13, 1978 appeared before the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and asked that the Board put on the ballot in the election of Nov. 7, 1978, the question about enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law. I had already won the lawsuit U.S. v. Imperial Irrigation District when the Ninth Federal Circuit Court of Appeal had given a decision for enforcement. But the Board led by Supervisor Bullshit Bucher, refused. Cameron Hendry has said nothing about this denial to the residents to vote on this serious issue. Residents owning the farmland instead of the absentee landowners, is certainly an "economic opportunity" which would increase the financial standing of the residents here. In the Nov. 7, 1978 election the people would vote for enforcement and this would block the absentee landowners and local big farmers in their attempt to get Congress to change the U.S. Reclamation Law.

The Imperial County Board of Supervisors put on the ballot in the election of Nov. 7, 1978, the question of "Shall the County Superintendent of Schools be appointed or elected". Is such a question as important as the question of the residents owning the farmland and having the "ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY" TO MAKE A GOOD LIVING? The absentee landowners and big farmers control the Imperial County Board of Supervisors. Cameron Hendry is afraid to lose his job if he speaks up for the little people. SO CAMERON HENDRY STINKS AS DIRECTOR.