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VICTOR VEYSEY AN UGLY AMERICAN

Ugly things have been done by many politicians. But Victor Veysey, the present Assemblyman from the 75th District is unique in this respect--so much so that the title of AN UGLY AMERICAN fits him perfectly.

I am Dr. Ben Yellen, the opponent to Veysey in the election on Nov. 5, 1968. I am going to tell you the story how Assemblyman Veysey has dishonored the dead who fought in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the present Viet Nam War. You will be told how this UGLY AMERICAN at this very moment is oppressing the living veterans of these wars.

Those who fought in World War I will remember the slogan, "SAVING THE WORLD FOR DEMOCRACY". In World War II, the world was being saved from dictatorship. There is disagreement amongst the people of the United States as to the goals in the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. But in all wars, the soldier and sailor, is putting his life up for his country. Those who have died could not have done any more to prove their patriotism. Those veterans who are now living, can not have their patriotism challenged.

Victor Veysey has wrapped around him the mantle of super-patriotism. By the constant planting of press releases in the newspapers of SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS and other newspapers circulating in the 75th Assembly District, he has created a MYTH OR STATUS SYMBOL THAT HE IS A SUPER-PATRIOT. He has created a halo of super-patriotism about him WHEN HE HAS NEVER SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE U.S.

Here is the history of Victor Veysey. He comes from a millionaire family. He graduated from the California Institute of Technology and then went to the Harvard University School of Business. He is 52 years old now so that in 1942, he was 26 years old. He escaped serving in World War II by working in the Personnel Dept. of what is called a defense plant. In those days, anybody who had one arm, one leg, and one eye, could get a job in a defense plant for there was such a shortage of workers.

As far as the Personnel Dept. of any defense plant was concerned, anyone who showed for work, could get a job. Any woman who had a high school education could do the work that Veysey did during World War II. Then came the Korean War of 1950 but by this time, Veysey had become a rancher on his family's 800 acres in Imperial County and he escaped war duty again because he was a rancher.

It is very appropriate at this time to mention that Veysey's son John who is 24 years of age, has not served in the armed forces because he was a college student and now because he is a rancher who has become married. So we have two generations in the same family who have not had war duty. BOTH DO NOTHING FOR THEIR COUNTRY!!!

Now Assemblyman Veysey is a member of a political machine which consists of mainly big Republican ranchers and a sprinkling of big Democratic ranchers. This political machine controls the Assessors in Imperial and Riverside counties. These Assessors put fake low assessments on the ranches of the big farm interests. The non-farmers who are merchants, businessmen, working people, retired persons, etc. have to pay higher county property taxes and also higher taxes for schools, irrigation (water) districts, etc. to make up for what the big ranchers do not pay.

Since Veysey's property is located in Imperial County, it is best to describe what happens there as regards him but it must be understood that the same thing applies to big ranchers in Riverside County. Veysey goes about making speeches all over the 75th District about relieving the burden on the property owners as regards taxes and especially school taxes. BUT HE TELLS NOBODY THAT HE ESCAPES \$10,000.00 YEARLY ON HIS RANCH BY MEANS OF THE FAKE LOW ASSESSMENTS. The Brawley News

August 30, 1968 has a big picture on page 2 and it tells that Assemblyman Veysey made a speech to Imperial Valley School Administrators at Pine Valley, Calif. The shortage of money to run the schools is the main problem here, yet Veysey did not say one word how he and the big farm interests escape 50% of their school taxes. Most of these Administrators are veterans and know what is going on BUT EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF LOSS OF JOB IF HE GOT UP AND TOLD THE TRUTH.

The soldiers and sailors who died fighting for the U.S. for principles like equal treatment for all people living in the U.S. are dishonored by Veysey and the political machine of the big ranchers in Imperial and Riverside Counties. The families of the fallen and the living veterans and their families are being oppressed by these tax swindles.

The State of California in gratitude to those who served in the wars has granted an exemption to veterans and their widows up to \$10,000.00 assessed valuation. If the veteran is worth more, he gets no exemption. In Imperial County for the past year, there were 2,239 such exemptions averaging \$50.00 per veteran. YET VEYSEY WHO HAS NEVER SERVED IN ANY WAR ESCAPES \$10,000.00 YEARLY WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL EXEMPTION OF 200 VETERANS WHO SUFFERED THE HARDSHIPS OF WAR WHILE VEYSEY HAD THE COMFORTS.

WHERE ARE THE PROTESTS OF THE OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION & THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS? THEY ARE ALSO SILENT FOR THEY FEAR THE LOSS OF THEIR JOBS. ALL VETERANS HAVE LOST THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THEY WON THE WAR BUT LOST THE PEACE!!!

All veterans living in Imperial County and those living in the Coachella Valley County Water District of Riverside County (110,000 of the 200,000 people of the 75th District live in these areas) are being swindled by the big farm interests who get their irrigation water for 1/4 the correct price while the veterans and the rest of the people have to pay 3 times more for their electricity to make up the big losses incurred when the big ranchers get the irrigation water so much below cost.

All veterans living in the Imperial Irrigation District, the Coachella Valley County Water District, and the Palo Verde Irrigation District should be able to farm if they know farming. BUT THEY CAN NOT BECAUSE THE BIG FARM INTERESTS HAVE PREVENTED THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION LAW OF 1902.

And so the veterans and their families like the rest of the people in the 75th District are oppressed and suffering because the principles for which they fought, LIBERTY, EQUALITY, & FRATERNITY, do not exist in these two counties. I REPEAT AGAIN "THEY WON THE WAR BUT LOST THE PEACE". Vote for Dr. Ben Yellen for Assemblyman and let us in peacetime continue the fight for the rights guaranteed us by the U.S. Constitution -- EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW!!!

Do not be fooled by articles in newspapers where Veysey is reported to give American flags to the Boy Scouts, or to 4H clubs. Veysey is just a flag waver who by repeatedly putting articles in the newspapers about donation of flags (incidentally they cost him nothing, he gets them from the State of California and you pay the taxes for the flags) is trying to convince you he is a super-patriot. In the June 2, 1968 issue of the San Diego Union on page B-1 is a typical example with the headline, GOP GROUP PRESENTS FLAGS TO IVC where it tells of Veysey donating the flags to be given to Imperial Valley College.

In passing, it is interesting to know that the Boy Scouts and the 4H Clubs practice de facto segregation. Notice the lack of children with Spanish surnames and also black children when articles appear in the newspapers. Before every election Veysey and his big farmers always have an article featuring a big farmer who is a candidate for some office as suddenly becoming an official of the Boy Scouts with some nonsensical title. Complaints have been sent to the National Hdqtrs of the Boy Scouts.

For those of you who have the time, look up the Brawley News of Sept. 19, 1963 where an entire speech that Veysey made on July 4th is printed. The title of the speech is "LET FREEDOM RING, TODAY". The speech takes up the entire width of a standard newspaper (15 inches) and takes up 1/3 of the page. The Board of Trustees of the Brawley Elementary School District which consisted of big ranchers said it was adopting this speech TO TEACH PATRIOTISM & AMERICANISM to the pupils.

Victor Veysey collects handouts from the Government amounting to \$100,000.00 yearly. He gives nothing. President Kennedy said, "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." VEYSEY DOES NOTHING! VOTE FOR YELLEN