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FATCAT LABOR BOSS BURNELL PHILLIPS STABS DR. YELLEN IN THE BACK

You rank and file Republicans and rank and file Democrats particularly in Imperial County have seen me attack DEMOCRAT BIG RANCHERS & REPUBLICAN BIG RANCHERS who have been exploiting the 200,000 people of the 75th Assembly District. I have also attacked the allies of these big ranchers.

The time has now come to reveal the collusion of FATCAT LABOR BOSS, BURNELL PHILLIPS, who is head man of the labor unions in Riverside County, with the big ranchers who are oppressing you. The headquarters of Phillips is the City of Riverside but his activities as the leader of the Committee on Political Education (C.O.P.E.) of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. extends all the way into Imperial County. All of Imperial County and the Eastern 2/3 of Riverside County which comprise the 75th Assembly District has an area of 9,700 square miles and is 9 times the size of the State of Rhode Island.

The exploitation of the 200,000 people in this Assembly District is as follows:

1. The Big ranchers 95% of whom are Republican and 5% are Democrat, control the corrupt Assessors of these Counties so that fake low assessments are put on the ranch property. ALL RANCH PROPERTY ESCAPES AT LEAST 50% OF ITS PROPERTY TAXES AND IT AVERAGES OUT THAT THE RANCH PROPERTY ESCAPES 66% of the correct taxes. That is why it is so important to Vote "YES" for Proposition 1A and "NO" for Proposition 9. All the Big Ranchers are going to vote "YES" for Proposition 9 which limits the tax rate to one percent. But because of the fake assessments on the ranch properties, the Ranchers will only pay 1/4 of one percent and the result will be that we rank and file will pay higher sales taxes and higher state income taxes to make up for the big ranchers
2. 110,000 people living in all of Imperial County and in the Coachella Valley County Water District of Riverside County are being swindled out of \$14 millions yearly by a conspiracy between the Imperial Irrigation District and the Coachella Valley County Water District (both controlled by the Big Ranchers) by being forced to pay 3 times the correct price for electricity so that the big ranches can get their irrigation water at 1/4 the correct price.
3. Mexicans who live in Mexico and commute to work in the U.S. (green card commuters) must be stopped from doing this. They because they are willing to work for lower wages, take away the farm jobs, mechanics' jobs, construction jobs, housework jobs, sales clerk jobs, etc. They pay no local taxes and take their wages to Mexico where they live to spend them. THIS CREATES POOR BUSINESS FOR THE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSMEN.

4. Big ranchers in violation of the U.S. Reclamation Law of 1902 are farming in the 75th District. An example is HEGGEBLADE & MARGULEAS CO. a San Francisco Company which farms near Indio in Riverside County and the Irvine Co. of Orange County which farms in Imperial County. There are many others and THEY TAKE 70% OF THE FARMING PROFITS OUT OF THIS AREA WITHOUT SPENDING IT ONCE WITH LOCAL MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSMEN. This and the commuting greencard Mexicans are the cause of poor business conditions in this District. YOU ARE BEING SWINDLED ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES AND YOUR ELECTRICITY BILLS MAINLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THESE ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS!!!

I, Dr. Ben Yellen, am a candidate for Assemblyman of this District. I have been fighting the exploitation of these big ranchers for the past 10 years. They have put me in jail on frameups. They know I am dangerous to their existence. They control the newspapers and radio SO THAT YOU CAN NOT HEAR MY STATEMENTS OVER THE RADIO OR READ MY STATEMENTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS. The only way you can learn the issues is by these leaflets which I urge you to pass on to another voter. The newspapers and radio stations will not tell you that I have been endorsed by The Political Action Committee of Senior Citizens P.O.Box 15532, Los Angeles, Calif. 90015. The Senior Citizens with their small pensions suffer cruelly when they are swindled on the property taxes they pay on their homes and by the high electricity prices in the area of the electricity swindle.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SUCH AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR ASSEMBLYMAN WHERE THERE IS A CURTAIN OF SILENCE BY THE NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO ON THE STATEMENTS OF A CANDIDATE AS YOU ARE NOW SEEING BEING DONE TO ME. YOU WOULD THINK YOU ARE IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY WHERE THE RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS ARE CONTROLLED BY ONE PARTY--THE COMMUNIST.

The Chairmen of the program committee of clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optomist, Soroptomist, etc. are afraid to invite me to talk because they are afraid of reprisals from the power structure--the big ranchers. I repeat these leaflets are the only way you have of finding out what my platform is.

NOTICE THAT YOU SEE NOT ONE ROADSIDE SIGN ADVERTISING ME. The previous Democratic candidate in 1966 got \$1,000.00 from COPE and labor unions so he had money to lease billboards. But Burnell Phillips without asking me for an interview, had the local COPE Committee refuse to endorse me SO THAT I GOT NO MONEY FROM COPE TO USE FOR ROADSIDE BILLBOARDS. Burnell Phillips stabbed me in the back SO THAT THERE IS A COMPLETE BLACKOUT OF MY CANDIDACY AND PLATFORM ON ROADSIDE BILLBOARDS, NEWSPAPERS, AND RADIO.

The Calif. State AFL-CIO wants the U.S. Reclamation Law enforced, it wants the Mexican green card commuters stopped, and it wants the correct taxes collected from the big ranchers, and it wants the electricity swindle stopped. I investigated Burnell Phillips and find that he is a director of the Riverside National Bank. So we have a Fatcat Labor Boss who fraternizes with the enemy. I will investigate to learn if he wears those \$250.00 Italian silk suits!!!

He says that I was refused the endorsement and the money because I put out a leaflet against Congressman Tunney in the 1964 election. I did on Sept. 27, 1964. Tunney is a faker who has spoken against enforcement of the U.S. Reclamation Law and on page D5 of the Riverside Enterprise of March 20, 1968, he says he does not want the Mexican commuters stopped. He fooled people with prize fights in 1964 and on Nov. 2, 1968, he is going to try it again in Imperial County. Ed Rutherford and John Benson, Democrat Big Ranchers have big 27 inch by 43 inch Tunney posters in their office windows. HE IS THEIR MAN. Bob Hunter is the Republican Big Ranchers' man. Mrs. Terese Karmel talks like me. I advise my supporters that she is well qualified for your vote.

VOTE FOR KARMEL