

NEWSLETTER FROM DR. BEN YELLEN
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ELECT TERESE KARMEL TO CONGRESS

It is now 9 years since I started to fight the RURAL MAFIA, THE BIG RANCHERS who are the establishment in the 38th Congressional District of California which consists mainly of the 74th and 75th Assembly Districts (Riverside & Imperial Counties of California).

Just as the auto industry is the power structure in the Detroit, Michigan region, so are the big ranches in this area. Seventy percent of the farmland is owned by absentee landowners. Just as the big money in the Detroit area is made by the auto industry, so it is made here by the big ranches who receive big handouts from the Government disguised by fancy names like "land withdrawal" and "price supports" to fool the people. They are just plain old fashioned handouts just like people on welfare get. The great mass of the citizens would understand these handouts better if the Government would call it the welfare program for farmers.

For instance, the phrase "land withdrawal" is a fake in this area. The truth is that no land is withdrawn!!! The government just pays big sums of money to the big ranch interests so that they do not grow cotton on certain land. Little farmers would like to get these big payments also but unfortunately can not. THE BIG RANCH THEN GROWS ANOTHER TYPE OF CROP, FOR EXAMPLE, ALFALFA ON THIS LAND. So you see the farmland is still in use.

The government gives all these handouts so the farmers do not grow an over surplus of cotton and go bankrupt because the price falls too low. Incidentally, manufacturers do not receive such protection from the government. If they have a surplus, they face the consequences.

But the little farmer suffers cruelly from the big ranchers getting these big handouts for not growing cotton. The large ranches then grow crops that the little farmer has to grow because the little farmer is not permitted to grow cotton. The result is that there is a big surplus in the crops that little farmers are permitted to grow because the large ranchers shifted to the same crops from cotton.

The net result is that the little farmer is forced out of business and the big ranch survives because it receives the big handouts for not growing cotton. When the little farmer goes under, the big ranch then gets the little ex-farmer's land AND BECOMES BIGGER!!!

When a big ranch gets the large handout for not growing cotton on certain land, this "withdrawn land" should be actually unfarmed so that the big farm interests do not shift into crops the little farmer grows and by creating a surplus, making it possible to drive out the small operator. The power structure through its control of the local press and radio is constantly boasting how efficient the big rancher is in his farming BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT THE SO CALLED EFFICIENCY IS IN THE ABILITY TO GET THE BIG HANDOUTS AND PREVENT THE LITTLE FARMER FROM GETTING ANY OR VERY LITTLE.

To crystallize in the minds of the readers who do not live in this region the sums of money involved, it is necessary to know that in Imperial County, the poor on welfare get \$4½ millions yearly while the rich big ranchers on welfare get \$12 millions yearly. Riverside County

and Imperial County have a yearly agricultural production of $\$1\frac{1}{2}$ billion and rank 5th and 6th respectively in the United States.

Because of the tremendous profits and handouts, the RURAL MAFIA is able to elect their candidates to office and control him. In this way the Assessors of both counties put fake low assessments on the ranches so that on the average, the BIG FARM INTERESTS escape 66% of their correct taxes.

By controlling the Imperial Irrigation District in Imperial County and the Coachella Valley County Water District in Riverside County, the big ranchers are able to perpetrate a \$14 millions electricity swindle on 110,000 of the 200,000 people of the 75th Assembly District which is $9\frac{1}{2}$ times the size of the State of Rhode Island.

Because the newspapers and radio stations will not give out my statements, I have been forced to make up homemade pamphlets like this one to educate the people as to what is going on. I walk the streets with a sack of Newsletters on my shoulder distributing them all over.

There are also a few lesser rackets that the RURAL MAFIA perpetrates on the people but lack of space prevents discussion. In order to publicize the problems, I have run in many elections using these rackets as issues. I have been able to keep my expense down so that when the RURAL MAFIA'S candidate spends \$1,000.00, my expense is about \$30.00. In this way more and more people have learned how they are being swindled and that they are existing under colonialism with absentee landowners having 70% of the land and exploiting the residents.

All the Congressmen whether Democrat or Republican who have represented the 38th Congressional District have been allies of the RURAL MAFIA and have done nothing to rectify the situation. Congressman John Tunney is typical. When 115 big ranchers were caught defrauding the Federal Government of \$2.8 millions in false claims for beet growing 2 years ago, Tunney hushed the scandal up so that no names were revealed, nor were they fined or imprisoned. But if a little man files a false unemployment claim, he is put on trial with lots of publicity and usually sent to jail and fined. AND ALL THESE ALLIES OF THE MAFIA TALK ABOUT LAW AND ORDER. THEY MEAN FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE NOT THEMSELVES

Bob Hunter the Republican candidate for Congressman against Tunney is the man of the BIG FARM INTERESTS. So is Tunney. Go to 172 West Main St. Brawley, Calif. and you will see a big poster in the window of the Penson Ranches for Tunney. John Benson gets a handout of \$140,576 for not growing cotton. Go to 113 South Plaza, Brawley and you will see the same poster in the window of the office of Ed Rutherford, another Democrat Big Rancher. The only difference between Tunney and Hunter is that FATCAT LABOR BOSS BURNELL PHILLIPS IS SUPPORTING TUNNEY.

Mrs. Terese Karmel is also a candidate for the 38th District Congressional seat. She has come out strongly for enforcement of the Reclamation Law and the stopping of the rackets. Leech Victor Veysey who is my opponent for the Assembly seat, spent \$19,000 two years ago when he was re-elected. He is also a MAFIA man. My entire campaign fund is \$500.00 all my own money. Veysey does not have to use his own money.

So out of my money, I am spending \$160.00 to broadcast the following political announcement to help elect Mrs. Karmel who has less campaign funds than I have:

I am Dr. Ben Yellen of Brawley, Calif. I strongly urge all my friends and supporters to vote for Mrs. Terese Karmel, who is the only candidate for the Congressional seat of the 38th District who has made strong statements favoring enforcement of the Reclamation Law.

It is very essential that this law be enforced so that only persons living here will be able to farm here. In this way, the big ranchers will be eliminated and their political power will be stopped so that they cannot get the fake low assessments on their ranches by which method they have been escaping 66% of their property taxes, and we, the People, have been forced to pay extra property taxes to make up for the RURAL MAFIA

It will also make it possible that the 110,000 people out of 200,000 in the 75th Assembly District will stop paying 3 times the correct price for electricity which was subsidizing the very cheap water of the rancher