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DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAMILTON IS CORRUPT

The two biggest crimes being committed in Imperial County today are the \$8 millions yearly farmland tax swindle being perpetrated on the people of Imperial County by Assessor-Collector John Bowman and the \$14 millions yearly electricity swindle being perpetrated on the people by the Imperial Irrigation District so that the big ranches can get irrigation water AT BELOW COST at the expense of the great mass of people who live here.

DO NOT FORGET THAT 70% OF THE FARMLAND IS OWNED BY ABSENTEE LAND-OWNERS SO THAT IN REALITY THESE CRIMES ARE BEING COMMITTED CHIEFLY FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

James Hamilton has made no attempt to investigate the \$8 millions yearly tax swindle in farmland DESPITE THE FACT THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN OTHER COUNTIES ARE VERY BUSY INVESTIGATING SIMILAR TAX SWINDLES IN THEIR COUNTIES. The District Attorney has the right to start an investigation of the electricity swindle of \$14 millions by the Imperial Irrigation District.

THESE RACKETS ARE BEING PERPETRATED ON YOU CITIZENS BY OFFICIALS PUT INTO OFFICE BY THE BIG RANCHERS AND ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS. District Attorney Hamilton was put into office by the same ones.

On Oct. 10, 1963, Police Commissioner George Edwards of Detroit, Michigan, testified before the McClellan U.S. Senate Anti-Racket Committee that the mobsters grossed \$150 millions yearly in the Detroit Metropolitan Area. Since this area has 3.7 millions population, it means that on the average, \$40 per person is being extorted yearly.

But you people of Imperial County have been brainwashed to think that the only racketeers are in the big cities and have foreign names. This is false. Many of you will remember that when you went to school, you learned about the "ROBBER BARONS". These were the Barons, Counts, Dukes, Earls, Knights, etc. who owned all the land 400 to 500 years ago. They paid no taxes. They extorted heavy taxes from the little people. They were the Judges and the Sheriffs and in their castles they had jails. Travellers who went across their territory had to pay money to them. Lack of space prevents telling other rackets of "ROBBER BARONS".

The big ranches in Imperial County and other parts of California are still making the people pay the taxes for them. But the big ranches are not owned by the nobility anymore and they therefore can not be called the "ROBBER BARONS". In this modern age, the land is owned by corporations to which the modern word "RACKETEERS" should be applied.

These two big rackets (there are quite a few lesser ones) extort \$8 millions from you in a tax swindle and \$14 millions from you in an electricity swindle. This is a total of \$22 millions yearly. There are about 75,000 people in Imperial County so that this means an average extortion of \$300 PER PERSON YEARLY. This is 7½ times the extortion per person in the Detroit Area.

YET PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS SAYS NOTHING ABOUT THE RACKETEERS OPERATING HERE. It brainwashes you so that you think the racketeers are in the big cities. DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAMILTON DOES NOTHING!!!!

The CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES guarantees you free speech and a free press. Now let us be frank. HOW MANY OF YOU CAN REALLY SAY WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART? You know that you can not say anything about the 160 acres limitation, the farmland tax swindle, and the electricity swindle, because you will either lose your job or if you are in business, you will be boycotted by the big ranchers. District Attorney James Hamilton by being in cahoots with the big ranchers, increases your fear so that you can not speak freely.

THE ONLY FREE PRESS IN IMPERIAL COUNTY IS "NEWSLETTER FROM DR. BEN YELLEN". Here is the story how District Attorney Hamilton tries to prevent this FREE PRESS from functioning.

The Federal Government has laws to prevent anyone from infringing on the right of people to speak freely and to print a free press. Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 241, and Section 242, are such Federal laws. Section 241 says in effect, "2 or more persons shall not conspire to prevent a person from exercising his civil rights granted under the CONSTITUTION and the Federal Laws. The penalty is up to 10 years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine, or both".

Section 242 says in effect, "it is a crime (punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment of one year, or both) for any person who purports to act under "any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom" to willfully subject a person to the deprivation of his Federally protected rights and privileges". Distribution of Newsletters or political circulars are protected by Sections 241 & 242.

Now you Readers are unfamiliar with these Federal Laws, so it is necessary to describe how another Federal Law works that you are familiar with. All of you know that if a person robs a bank, he violates a Federal Law. The Federal District Attorney prosecutes the case and not a County District Attorney like James Hamilton.

Let us suppose that a Mr. Smith goes into a bank and gives a note to a male bank clerk which says, "My partner is in your home with your wife and child. Make no alarm. Fill up the sack with only paper money". Mr. Smith is unarmed because he knows that if caught the penalty is much greater if he showed a pistol. Now the bank clerk may fill the bag with money and Mr. Smith may run out of the bank and escape. But he was recognized by someone and he was later arrested. So there was no violence in this bank robbery.

But the bank clerk may grab a letter opener and stab the bank robber. Or the bank robber may grab the bank clerk's arm and begin to twist it. Or the bank guard may see something is wrong, and start walking over and Mr. Smith starts to run. The bank guard may hit Smith over the head with his (the bank guard's) pistol or actually shoot the bank robber. Now all this violence whether started by the bank robber, the bank clerk or the bank guard, is part and parcel of the Federal Crime.

So now let us go back to the incident of November 15, 1965 when Joseph Sharp, an Asst. Superintendent of the Elementary Schools in Brawley, tried to prevent Dr. Yellen from distributing his free press by beating the Doctor. As shown in previous Newsletters, Section # 8453 of the California Education Code did not give Joseph Sharp the right to stop Dr. Yellen from distributing his Newsletters. It certainly did not give Sharp the right to beat Dr. Yellen, who in defense stabbed Sharp with a small screwdriver.

But the important point is that Joseph Sharp was committing a Federal Crime. All the violence during such a crime is something for the Federal Authorities. You never heard of a bank clerk, or bank guard, or policeman being charged by a County District Attorney for beating the bank robber or even shooting him.

County District Attorney James Hamilton under the prodding of Hoxie Smith and William Dillard, big ranchers whose families escape \$55,000 yearly in farmland taxes, steps into a Federal case and charges Dr. Yellen with assault with a deadly weapon. Hamilton just disregards the fact that Joseph Sharp was committing a FEDERAL CRIME.

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