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DELIBERATELY GETTING HANDOUTS

SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS is still continuing its false prop-
aganda to make the residents of Imperial and Coachella Valleys in the
desert of Southern California believe that the poor on welfare are the
cause of the high taxes locally. A Newsletter dated March 15, 1971
and entitled MILLIONAIRE MOOCHERS ARE STILL AT IT! showed that the
Big Ranchers are Millionaire Moochers collecting 8 times more in hand-
outs than the poor on welfare. It was shown that REAL HANDOUT HOUSE
was at 300 South Imperial Ave. El Centro, where the Millionaire Moochers
collect \$12 millions yearly in handouts and not the building where
the poor go for welfare and get only \$6.5 millions yearly.

THE TRUE CAUSE OF THE HIGH LOCAL TAXES ARE 1. THE IMPERIAL
IRRIGATION DISTRICT WITH ASSETS OF \$140 MILLIONS PAYS NO LOCAL TAXES,
AND 2. THE BIG RANCHERS ESCAPE 66% OF THE PROPERTY TAXES BECAUSE THE
RANCHES ARE ASSESSED AT FAKE LOW ASSESSMENTS. Congressman Victor
Veysey with his 800 Acres ranch which is equal to a 4,000 acres farm
in the Mid-West in yearly agricultural production, escapes \$10,000
yearly in local property taxes, is a specific example of why
the property taxes are high for you homeowners and businessmen.

But SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS never gives up trying to put the
blame for the high local taxes on the poor. A good example of this
is the Feb. 3, 1971 issue of the BRAWLEY NEWS where on the top of the
front page in black letters $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long is blazoned, PLACE TO COMPLAIN
OF WELFARE ABUSE ASKED. Most readers see this headline and read no
further and believe that the welfare program is full of swindling.

Do not forget that the money given to the poor is for the necess-
ities of life- food, clothing, a place to sleep. The original intent
of the money handouts given to farmers was to help them make a living.
This is exactly the same reason money is given to the poor--so that
they can live. While the money going to the poor is for the necessities
of life, the program for the farmers get twisted so that little farmers
could not get the handouts while the Big Ranchers like Congressman
Victor Veysey monopolized the handouts. The Federal records show that
Veysey in 1966 received \$20,155 for NOT GROWING COTTON. But for the
cotton he did grow and for the beets (sugar) he did grow, a conservative
estimate is that he received another \$20,000. So he received handouts
in that year from the Federal Government of about \$40,000.

NOW ALL THESE HANDOUTS GOING TO VEYSEY AND THE OTHER MILLIONAIRE
MOOCHERS, COMES FROM THE INCOME TAXES THAT ALL OF US PAY. VEYSEY AND
HIS BUNCH PAY NO FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAXES. SO DO NOT LET THEM FOOL
YOU THAT THEY PAY TAXES. THE MONEY THEY GET IN HANDOUTS ARE TREMENDOUS.

The money the big ranchers get as handouts far exceeds any small
taxes they might pay (the chances are they pay none) that for all
practical purposes no big rancher here pays any taxes. Now many of you
will find this hard to believe, so you should read the bottom of the
front page of the Brawley News of March 15, 1971 where with the headline
"301 WEALTHY CITIZENS GET OFF TAX FREE", it tells of 301 Americans who
earned ~~more than~~ \$200,000 in 1969 and WHO LEGALLY PAID NO FEDERAL
INCOME TAX.

Owning farms or ranches, is one of the best ways to avoid paying a Federal Income Tax or a very little one. THAT IS WHY 70% OF THE LAND HERE IS OWNED BY OUTSIDERS. THEY BOUGHT THE FARMS FOR "TAX SHELTERS". The handouts given to the big farmers in contrast to the money for the poor, are spent for the luxuries of the big ranchers--big mansions, Cadillacs, fine clothes, trips around the world, etc.

SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS HAS NEVER ONCE HAD AN ARTICLE TELLING ABOUT A BIG RANCHER--how much he pays in taxes and how much he receives in handouts. PROBE which is a column in the Schurz newspapers in which a question is asked and then an answer given, is the most vicious propaganda to defame the poor and build the public image of the big farmers. Mike James who writes this column, claims to be a world traveller. He gives small details about Europe, Africa, Asia, etc., YET HE DOES NOT SEEM ABLE TO FIND HANDOUT HEAVEN AT 900 SOUTH IMPERIAL AVE. EL CENTRO WHERE \$12 MILLIONS YEARLY ARE GIVEN TO THE MILLIONAIRE MOOCHING BIG FARMERS. Mike James calls the building where the poor go for welfare for the necessities of life, HANDOUT HOUSE BUT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT HANDOUT HEAVEN. He raves and rants about the poor constantly and particularly about women having babies especially if they are teenagers.

Long before there was such a thing as the welfare program, there was an old saying, "The rich get richer and the poor get more children". It is nonsense to claim that women get more children because they get welfare. They were having lots of children before there was welfare. As a physician of many years, my experience is that women tell me that most of them got pregnant by accident. This holds true for women in the welfare and non-welfare groups. I KNOW OF NO POOR WOMAN ON WELFARE WHO BECAME RICH HAVING CHILDREN.

The Imperial County Farm Bureau is full of big farmers who pay no Federal Income taxes compared to the big handouts they get. The Brawley News of March 10, 1971, has an article headed, "FREE WELFARE CHECKERS EYED", WHERE IT IS TOLD HOW A TAX COMMITTEE OF THE FARM BUREAU WAS QUESTIONING MRS. FLORENCE KINLOCH, DIRECTOR OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY WELFARE DEPT. This committee wanted Mrs. Kinloch to be more active in stopping welfare frauds. I do not know the names of the members of this committee but I can say without hesitation, that all receive much bigger handouts than any Federal Income taxes they pay if they pay any.

One Farm Bureau member was mentioned. He is Robert Meyer of Brawley. So I will use him as an example since he advocated that volunteer private persons should snoop amongst the poor to reveal welfare fraud. He married the daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Benson (now Tow), the widow of Jack Benson, whose big mansion is at 333 Andrita Place, Brawley. Jack Benson left more than 2,000 acres to his wife and children, so his widow is a millionairess. The Federal Reports for 1969 show that the J.H. Benson Ranches Inc. got a handout of \$108,545 for NOT GROWING COTTON. Then conservatively add the handouts for growing cotton and sugar beets, and the Benson Ranches got \$100,000 more, making a grand total of about \$250,000. The Bensons do not pay any Federal Income Tax when compared to the handouts given them by the Federal Government.

Robert Meyer is one of the rare creatures who fall into the category of INSTANT BIG RANCHER. He just married the heiress to a big ranch and became an INSTANT BIG RANCHER. Yet he is very angry about some poor devil on welfare who might be getting maybe \$10.00 more per month than the regulations call for.

There was so much complaint against farmers receiving these big handouts that in 1970, Congress passed a law that no farmer could receive yearly more than \$55,000 for cotton, for feed grains, and for wheat for a grand total of \$165,000. I am confident that the Bensons split the ranch 3 ways so that mother Henrietta Tow can get \$165,000; daughter, Barbara married to Robert Meyer, \$165,000; and son, John (Councilman of Brawley) \$165,000. In this way, they can actually get more than they were getting before especially so if they can collect on the not growing or growing of wheat.

The big farmers are now trying to get handouts on wheat, a crop which is not usually grown here. In 1968, only 1,000 acres of wheat were grown here. Suddenly, in 1969, 10,000 acres were planted. In 1970, 63,000 acres were planted. You can be sure that the big farmers have been tipped off, that they will be paid handouts FOR NOT GROWING WHEAT. So the big ranchers purposely planted wheat to get ready to collect handouts on wheat. Yet they pay practically no Federal Income Taxes and howl loudest if some poor person commits a fraud for some money.