

March 8, 1966

WASTE OF CITY MONEY PERMITTED BY PRICOLA & MAYA

On April 12, 1966, you citizens of Brawley are going to vote to elect 2 Councilmen. This is a very important election because the Council spends your money which it gets from you in taxes. If the Council permits the City's money to be wasted, it means higher taxes for you homeowners and businessmen.

In the February Newsletter of the 27th, 1966, you have been shown how Nick Pricola and Joe Maya permit Charles Warren, the City Clerk, and Chief of Police Ritzenthaler to play favorites SO THAT THEY DO NOT COLLECT "OCCUPATION TAXES" from farm corporations and their allies who have offices in the City of Brawley.

KEN MORGAN & MARY REBOLLAR ARE RUNNING FOR COUNCILMEN IN THE APRIL 12TH ELECTION. You have no other choice but to vote for them to get rid of Pricola and Maya.

Here are some of the ways that BRAWLEY'S MONEY IS BEING WASTED so that you are forced to pay higher taxes. Pricola and Maya know about this but will not do anything to prevent it. That is why they must be voted out of office and KEN MORGAN & MARY REBOLLAR ELECTED.

Many of you who own homes, trim the branches off the trees in November. You put the trimmings in the alley behind your home. You then begin to wait often for 2 to 3 months before the city collects the trimmings and removes them. Many times you complain to the city about the terrible appearance of the alley because the branches are not collected promptly. You never get a definite answer as to why the branches are not removed. Nick Pricola and Joe Maya give you the runaround with their explanations.

Here is what Dr. Yellen found. Jeff Kisse works for the City of Brawley as Director of Public Works. He permits city employees who work in his department to take city trucks and city equipment to do private work on weekends. These persons will charge the citizens money to cut the trees and then the trimmings ARE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED by these persons using city trucks. In other words, a racket is being run whereby the only way to get the branches removed immediately is to hire these persons to do the cutting using city tools and trucks.

Now there are many people living in the city who need work and would like to cut the trees and remove the branches promptly with trucks. But they can not compete with city employees who use city property to do the job. City property is broken, city trucks have to be repaired, and city gasoline is used on all these private jobs by city employees. THIS WASTE OF CITY MONEY IS COSTING YOU THE TAXPAYERS MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

There is even a funny aspect to all this. The city employees cutting trees over the weekend want to earn a lot of money so they work

long hours on the weekends. The result is that when they go to work on Monday, they are so tired from working so long and hard on the weekends, that they loaf on the job Monday resting up.

But the employees working under Jeff Kissee do not confine their activities to just cutting trees over the weekend. They also use city equipment on construction jobs. Some of this work is done OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

IN NO INSTANCE HAS THE CITY BEEN PAID FOR THE GASOLINE OR THE USE OF EQUIPMENT LIKE TRUCKS, TRACTORS, DITCH DIGGERS, SKIP LOADERS, ETC

The question then comes up whether Nick Pricola and Joe Maya know about all this. Well, in 2 years in office, citizens have complained to Dr. Yellen. Pricola has been in office for 8 years and Maya has been in office 4 years BUT THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING ABOUT THIS.

On Saturday January 8, 1966, Dr. Yellen caught Jeff Kissee and his employees doing a private contracting job for the Brawley Union High School District. They had city trucks and tractors of every sort belonging to the city. They were ripping up the sidewalks and street pavement on B St behind the High School. The trucks were being loaded with the pieces of pavement and then were taking the loads to the dump.

THE CITY COUNCIL DID NOT AUTHORIZE SUCH USE OF EQUIPMENT.

Dr. Yellen went to the Police Station and wanted to file a complaint against Kissee and the others for taking the equipment. If your son took another person's auto and used it for a joyride even though he intended to return the auto, he would be charged with theft of the auto. THE POLICE REFUSED TO ACT. This is another reason why Chief of Police RITZENTHALER MUST BE KICKED OUT OF HIS JOB.

Now the Brawley Union High School District is paying \$2,000.00 for this job to Jeff Kissee. WHO DID JEFF KISSEE SPLIT THIS MONEY WITH SO THAT HE IS PERMITTED TO USE CITY EQUIPMENT ON A PRIVATE CONTRACTING JOB? Tremendous amounts of gasoline and oil were used on this job. The City of Brawley lost a lot of money on this private job.

On Monday, January 10, 1966, the Brawley News attempted to brainwash you with an article in which Charles Warren made many statements to fool you as to what happened. He told you that this was cooperation with the Brawley Union High School District. This is all hokum. Jeff Kissee collected \$2,000.00 for this job and the QUESTION IS AS TO WHO GOT THE PAYOFFS. Private persons who do not work for the city are in the business of doing contracting work of this sort. They are prevented from making a living by city employees who get their wages from the city and who then cause the city to lose thousands of dollars by using city equipment in private contracting work.

Your attention is also drawn to the water main just installed on American Legion Road which is outside the city limits. POOR PEOPLE in the county territory East of Brawley have been begging for many years for Brawley water. BUT THEY HAVE RECEIVED NONE. Yet on March 9, 1966, Pricola and Maya in an emergency meeting voted to authorize this water main to a Mr. Glendenning who supposedly was going to use the water for a trailer park outside the city. He only needed a 6 inch water line and was willing to pay for it. But Pricola and Maya and the other Councilmen (except Dr. Yellen) forced him to put in a 10 inch line and promised to pay \$4,000.00 towards the construction.

The city has no business paying money for water lines outside the city. The Council is wasting your money when it does that. Ed Rutherford, the big cattleman, who has an office inside the city and does not pay an "occupation tax" is going to build expensive, big homes on land close to this water main. He is going to hook on to this line. The Brawley News of March 14, 1966 has a picture showing use of Brawley equipment on this job. STOP ALL THIS WASTE OF YOUR MONEY. ELECT KEN MORGAN AND MARY REBOLLAR-COUNCILMEN!!!