

June 1, 1966

VOTE FOR BEN YELLEN

On June 7, 1966, a Tuesday, is election day. This is the time when all you Democrats and Republicans can kick JOHN BOWMAN out of office as ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR.

HE HAS BEEN SWINDLING YOU VOTERS OF IMPERIAL COUNTY OUT OF \$8 MILLIONS YEARLY IN PROPERTY TAXES BY PUTTING FAKE LOW ASSESSMENTS ON BIG RANCHES. WHEN THE BIG RANCHES ESCAPE PAYING \$8 MILLIONS YEARLY, YOU, THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT OWN RANCHES, HAVE TO PAY \$8 MILLIONS MORE TO MAKE UP FOR THE BIG FARMLAND OWNERS.

Here are a few examples:

Irvine Co. escapes \$150,000 yearly in county property taxes.

Dr. Francisco. Bravo Ranch (near Calexico) escapes \$40,000 yearly.

The above 2 big ranches are owned by absentee ranchowners. Since 70% of the farmland is owned by absentee landlords, you can therefore realize that you are being swindled mainly for the benefit of the outside landowners.

Local big ranchowners have about 20% of the farmland. An example is Warren Brock and his BROCK RANCHES which escape \$80,000 yearly in county property taxes because John Bowman puts fake low assessments on this farmland.

John Bowman is a liar who tells you every year and particularly in election years that he is "equalizing" the assessments. Dr. Yellen has been attacking John Bowman and his fake assessments on the farmland for the past 5 years. THE BIG RANCHES STILL ESCAPE AT LEAST 66% OF THEIR TAXES. Some escape as high as 85% of the property taxes.

Now you voters must know that in order to get lower taxes, you must elect DR. YELLEN who is a fighter. Your taxes will be cut in half if you elect him. The other candidates for ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR are afraid of the big ranchers. That is why they never give the names of who owns the farmland and how much they escape in taxes. How do you expect any of the other candidates to lower taxes for you if they are already afraid?

All of you have read PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS in its newspapers in Calexico, El Centro, and Brawley. You have read the articles with the lies, distortions and half truths put in to assassinate the character of Dr. Yellen. PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS IS IN CAHOOTS WITH THE BIG RANCHES. But all this has not stopped Dr. Yellen from telling who owns the farmland and how much they escape in property taxes.

95% of the big ranchers are Republican. So with their economic power, they have taken over the local Republican party. These big ranchers do not amount to more than 100 men. They make the rest of the Republicans suffer by forcing them to pay high taxes to make up for the big ranches. The Democrats also suffer from the high taxes.

There are a few big landowners who are DEMOCRATS. They work with the REPUBLICAN BIG RANCHERS so that they escape the taxes also. So you see that in reality the big ranchers have a private political machine that swindles both the REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS who are rank and file members of both parties.

The name of BEN YELLEN is printed on the ballot under ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. Just stamp the X in the box next to his name. Do not make a mistake and write his name under ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. You will understand why you must not make a mistake when you read further.

A bigger swindle than the property tax racket of \$8 millions is the \$14 millions electricity swindle being pulled on you voters by the Imperial Irrigation District for the benefit of these same big ranches. The District sells irrigation water to the farmland owners at below cost and sustains tremendous losses. The District makes up for these losses by charging you more than twice you should pay on your electricity bills. You pay more for electricity than customers of the Southern California Edison Co., the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. and the Arizona Public Service Co., all of which surround the Imperial Irrigation District.

To give you a short explanation, the land around the Parker Dam on the Colorado River pays \$7.00 per acre foot for water. None of this land is more than 5 miles from the river. Yet the farmland which is in the Imperial Irrigation District which is 60 miles to 80 miles from the Colorado River pays only \$2.00 per acre foot. The Coachella Irrigation District ranches also pay \$2.00 per acre foot and these ranches are about 130 miles from the River. The water rate to the Imperial Irrigation District ranches should be at least \$7 to \$9.

Now we have a corrupt District Attorney by the name of James Hamilton. It is his duty to investigate charges of swindling in the property tax assessments AND ALSO IN THE ELECTRICITY RATES. But he is one of the main cogs of the private political machine run by the big ranches whereby we residents, both DEMOCRATS & REPUBLICANS, are swindled out of \$22 millions yearly.

James Hamilton is running unopposed for DISTRICT ATTORNEY. The other lawyers are afraid to run for the job because they are afraid to buck the private political machine. But the officials in Washington, D.C. must be informed how the big ranchers are swindling us on the electricity. You all know how Dr. Yellen brought to the attention of the officials in Washington, D.C. how the 160 acres limitation of the U.S. Reclamation Law was being violated. The GOVERNMENT has announced it is starting a lawsuit to enforce the 160 acres limitation.

Now to help stop the electricity swindle, here is what you have to do. Bring a pencil with you when you go to vote. Do not stamp the X in the box next to James Hamilton's name. INSTEAD WITH YOUR PENCIL, WRITE BEN YELLEN UNDER THE NAME OF JAMES HAMILTON. When you do this, it will mean that you protest the electricity swindle and that you want the Federal Government to investigate and stop the swindle. Writing in the name of Ben Yellen is your protest vote. They will be counted and a report made to Washington, D.C.

WRITE IN
BEN YELLEN

Be sure and bring a pencil. Be sure and write BEN YELLEN on the line in the DISTRICT ATTORNEY section. Do not write it in the ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR section. HERE STAMP X IN THE BOX NEXT TO BEN YELLEN.