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# JUDGE HOWARD TURRENTINE IS A POLLUTER OF JUSTICE

About one year ago, Judge Howard Turrentine of the U.S. District Court at San Diego, Calif., gave a decision in the UNITED STATES v. IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT lawsuit that the 160 acres limitation of the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW OF 1902 does not apply to the Imperial Irrigation District.

The big absentee farm corporations which include the IRVINE CO., UNITED FRUIT CO., PUREX CORPORATION, TENNECO, INC., KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL CO., SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND CO., ETC., started a propaganda campaign in the local newspapers commonly known as SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS, to make the residents of Imperial and Coachella Valleys in Southern California believe that Judge Turrentine's decision was like a JUDGMENT FROM GOD-- that there was no possibility of error.

The Imperial Irrigation District also sells electricity retail, and with the electricity bills, enclosed the DISTRICT NEWS, a small propaganda Newsletter to convince "the captive audience" that the Turrentine decision was correct. We, who wanted the 160 acres limitation provision enforced in the Imperial Irrigation District, were not permitted by SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS or THE DISTRICT NEWS to tell the people not to believe the Turrentine decision because it was tainted by Judge Turrentine's "CONFLICT OF INTERESTS".

About December 1, 1971, Judge William Murray of Butte, Montana, who was acting as visiting Judge in the U.S. District Court at San Diego in the lawsuit, BEN YELLEN, et al. v. WALTER HICKEL, SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR, made a decision that the residency provision of the U.S. Reclamation Law of 1902, applies to the Imperial Irrigation District and all areas which receive water from the Colorado River. Enforcement of this provision, would prevent all absentee land-owners and particularly these big corporations who are the power structure of Imperial and Coachella Valleys from farming here.

So again the big farm corporations through their local stooges started a campaign in SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS to make the people believe that Judge Murray's decision is wrong and does not apply to the Imperial Irrigation District. Again, we who wanted the residency provision applied here, were not permitted to give our views to the citizenry through the local press or the DISTRICT NEWS!!!

REGINALD L. KNOX, the main lawyer in the law firm of HORTON, KNOX, CARTER, & FOOTE, which collects tremendous fees as lawyers to the I.I.D., a public agency owned by all the residents, has put a propaganda article in the DISTRICT NEWS of January 1972. This article is titled in big letters, "IID ATTORNEY SAYS RECENT FEDERAL COURT FINDING CREATES ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION". Knox in this article asserts that Judge Murray's decision does not apply to the Imperial Irrigation District because Judge Turrentine said the U.S. Reclamation Law did not apply to the I.I.D. Lawyer Knox is supposed to help the general populace who own the District but instead puts out propaganda to help absentee land-owners. Knox likes to practice law in the newspapers and DISTRICT NEWS!!!

SO YOU RESIDENTS OF IMPERIAL & COACHELLA VALLEYS HAVE BEEN BRAIN-WASHED TO BELIEVE THAT JUDGE MURRAY IS WRONG AND THAT THE U.S. RECLAMATION LAW OF 1902 DOES NOT APPLY HERE.

This Newsletter is to give you the viewpoints of those who want the U.S. Reclamation Law enforced here. Legal arguments are not going to be given to you residents who are laymen -- legal arguments are matters for the courts. It is suggested to Reginald Knox to stop practicing law before the laymen in the local newspapers for it is impossible for laymen to make correct judgment since much intricate law and previous decisions must be known to them.

Plain ordinary material will be presented to you readers so that you can make a decision as to which Judge to believe -- Judge Turrentine or Judge Murray. First, it must be understood that agriculture is the biggest industry in California, and most of it is done in Southern California. Judge Turrentine of San Diego would not have been made a Federal Judge here IF THE POWER STRUCTURE, THE BIG FARM INTERESTS HAD NOT WANTED HIM. Judge Murray is from Butte, Montana, and his appointment as a Judge did not depend on the big farm interests here.

THE PURPOSE OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION LAW IS TO PREVENT LAND SPECULATORS FROM OWNING LAND IN AREAS LIKE THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT. JUDGE HOWARD TURRENTINE IS A BIG LAND SPECULATOR WHO OPERATED AT BORREGO SPRINGS WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT!!!

As you all know, public officials must not have what is called "CONFLICT OF INTERESTS" and this especially applies to Judges. From the famous report by the Ralph Nader Group, "POWER AND LAND IN CALIFORNIA", on page 29 of Volume VII, is written, "Also listed as having donated an easement for the road was the COYOTE CREEK CORPORATION WHICH HAS EXTENSIVE LAND HOLDINGS IN THE AREA. A check of the certificate of incorporation showed the directors to be THE PRESENT FEDERAL JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, HOWARD B. TURRENTINE; the ex-secretary of his law practice, Mrs. Dorothy Kenney; and another legal secretary in San Diego, Geraldine F. Dickie".

To make matters worse, there is a big shortage of water to be used in irrigation farming not only in the Imperial Irrigation District but also in the Borrego Springs area. There has been a proposed plan for the last 20 years, that water be diverted from the Columbia River into the Colorado River which supplies water here. If this is done, there would be more water for the I.I.D. and a pipeline could bring water for the first time to the Borrego Springs area from the ALL-AMERICAN CANAL which serves the Imperial Irrigation District.

THE LAND IN THE BORREGO SPRINGS AREA WOULD BOOM IN VALUE WHEN THE NEW WATER ARRIVES. The States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, & Wyoming, are fighting against the diversion of Columbia River water as can be seen on page 9B of the San Diego Union of July 28, 1966 in the article entitled, "WATER IMPORT STUDY STOPPED".

Senator Henry Jackson, present aspirant for Democratic candidate for President of the U.S., on behalf of these 4 states, fought the diversion when Congress was considering the bills which finally became Public Law 90-537 (Sept. 30, 1968) known as the "LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN PROJECT LAW". This "Water Import Study" was stopped in this law for ten years but after that, the lobbyists for the I.I.D. and the Borrego Springs area, etc., can start lobbying again to divert the Columbia River water to the Colorado River.

So you see that Judge Turrentine is a big land speculator whose Borrego Springs land will jump in value approximately \$1,000 per acre if the Columbia River water is diverted into the Colorado River. If Borrego Springs receives this water, then the U.S. Reclamation Law will apply to the land there and Judge Turrentine will have to sell out.

FEDERAL JUDGE HOWARD TURRENTINE SHOULD NEVER HAVE PRESIDED AT THE HEARINGS OF THE LAWSUIT, U.S. v. IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT. HIS DECISION IS TAINTED BY A "CONFLICT OF INTERESTS". JUSTICE IS POLLUTED WHEN JUDGES PRESIDE AT LAWSUITS WHERE THERE IS A "CONFLICT". THE BIG FARM INTERESTS WITH THEIR ABILITY TO INSERT THEIR PROPAGANDA INTO THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, HAVE KEPT YOU BRAINWASHED. THIS NEWSLETTER TELLS YOU THE TRUTH!!!