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THE BLOOD MONEY FROM THE IRVINE CO.

Once again the IRVINE CO. which is an absentee landowner of 12,000 acres of farmland worth \$16 millions is trying to fool the residents of Imperial County about its exploitation activities.

PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS WITH NEWSPAPERS IN INDIO, BRAWLEY, EL CENTRO, AND CALEXICO IS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN KEEPING YOU TAXPAYERS FOOLED SO THAT YOU DO NOT REALIZE HOW MONEY IS BEING EXTORTED FROM YOU IN COUNTY TAXES AND ELECTRICITY BILLS.

The Irvine Co. and PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS by printing articles and pictures try to make you believe that the Irvine Co. is a benevolent philanthropist. All news how you are being exploited by this company IS NOT PRINTED.

For instance, on December 9, 1966 in the Brawley News is a big black headline---IRVINE CONTRIBUTES \$2,500 FOR POOL. This was to make you think that the Irvine Co. is full of charity. But once in the newspaper is not enough. This so-called charitable act has to be milked for more publicity so that in the Brawley News of today Dec. 14, 1966, there is a big picture of William Mason identified as Vice-President of the Irvine Co. giving the \$2,500 check to the recipient. Fred Keller the local manager for the Irvine Co. is also in the picture.

Over the past few years, it has been the policy of this NEWS-LETTER to expose the exploitation activities of the Irvine Co. when it offers as donations blood money which has been taken from the average citizen who has worked hard for his money. It also gives another opportunity to show you how PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS which instead of printing articles to inform the people of the unethical activities of the Irvine Co. and the other big ranches, will only print stories about so-called donations..

So again here is a short summary about the Irvine Co. On November 19, 1965, the Los Angeles Times printed the testimony of the office of State Attorney General Lynch in which was told that the 88,000 acres Irvine Ranch in Orange County pays only \$1½ millions in county property taxes when it should be paying \$10½ millions. This means that the Irvine Co. in Orange County was escaping 86% of its correct property taxes. The testimony before the State Assembly Committee also was that every family in Orange County was paying \$36 more per year in county taxes to make up for the taxes that the Irvine Ranch did not pay. All this was so because the Assessor of Orange County had made fake low assessments on this ranch. The same held true for other ranches in this county.

No testimony was given at this State Assembly Committee hearing concerning the amount of irrigation water supplied to ranchers in Orange County by the Metropolitan Water District at prices which

are $\frac{1}{2}$ the correct price. The cities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties ~~have to~~ pay the correct price. The tremendous financial losses caused by the ranches getting the water below cost is made up by higher property taxes to the city residents. No statement can be made on ~~exploitative~~ activities of the Irvine Ranch in regard to irrigation water in Orange County at this time, but definite data will be given as to this matter in Imperial County.

Anyway, PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS kept the people of Imperial County ignorant of the fact that the Irvine Co. was escaping 86% of its county property taxes in Orange County. IT JUST DID NOT PRINT THE TESTIMONY AND SO SUPPRESSED THE NEWS. Pinkley did not want the public image of the Irvine Co. tarnished in Imperial County for he knew that this NEWSLETTER had been attacking Irvine for escaping \$150,000 yearly in County property taxes here.

At the Parker Dam on the Arizona side, is an Indian Reservation. For many years the Indians were prevented from farming because the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Dept. of Interior is deeply in cahoots with big ranch corporations owned by whites. The Bureau would not build the irrigation canals needed to supply the irrigation water for farming. Then the big ranch corporations with the aid of the Bureau of Indian Affairs got Congress to pass a law giving the Indians permission to give long term leases to non-Indians.

The poor Indians were practically starving so the only thing they could do was to sign these long term leases by which big corporations owned by whites could do the farming. All of a sudden the Bureau of Indian Affairs got busy and efficient after being asleep for 25 years and got the irrigation canals built just in time for the whites to start farming. Bruce Church & Co. one of the big corporations here in Imperial County in violation of the U.S. Reclamation Law, is farming 6,000 acres there.

Now all this land on the Indian Reservation is within 10 miles of the Colorado River and the irrigation water is easily brought to the land under cultivation. The price charged for the irrigation water is \$9 per acre foot. Here the Imperial Irrigation District charges only \$2.00 per acre foot and the water has to be brought 60 to 100 miles. Do not be fooled when a big farmer tells you that he pays \$4.00. What he is talking about is a second foot. 2 acre feet equals 1 second foot.

The ranchers in Imperial County are getting the irrigation water at $\frac{1}{4}$ the correct cost as you can see by comparing the price with the water supplied to the Indian Reservation. There are tremendous financial losses which the Imperial Irrigation District makes up by extorting electricity bills from the residents of the towns at prices that are about 3 times more than they should be.

The farmland of the Irvine Co. here should pay about \$486,000 for water but only pays about \$108,000 so that it escapes \$378,000.

Here then are the facts on the Irvine farmland here:

Escapes in yearly County property taxes	\$150,000
Escapes yearly irrigation water charges of	\$378,000
Total	\$528,000

There are about 15,000 families in Imperial County. So you can see that when 15,000 is divided into \$528,000, it comes out that each family has to pay about \$35 more yearly in county taxes and electricity bills to make up for what the Irvine farmland escapes.

So you can see the people themselves could easily contribute for the building of a swimming pool if they had the money taken from them for the benefit of the Irvine farmland. INSTEAD OF THE IRVINE CO. GIVING US CHARITY, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THEY ARE GETTING CHARITY FROM US. Anything they claim to donate is BLOOD MONEY.

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