

NEWSLETTER FROM DR. BEN YELLEN
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VOTE "NO" ON TAX OVERRIDE FOR IV. COLLEGE

On October 14, 1969, is going to be the election day regarding the override tax for Imperial Valley College. Now you are going to hear and read a lot of propoganda telling you to vote for this by people who are supposedly civic leaders (?), by Chambers of Commerce, etc.

I ADVISE YOU TO VOTE "NO". I REPEAT VOTE "NO".

Mine will be the only voice telling you to vote "NO" and I will be fighting SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS, THE RADIO STATIONS, THE SAN DIEGO UNION, all of which are controlled by those in favor of the tax override. So be sure to pass this Newsletter on to another voter because it is the only way that the voters can learn the truth about this tax override.

The basic facts that you must know are as follows: The farmland has fake low assessment values so that every ranch escapes 2/3 of its correct property taxes. This means that you people who live in the cities and have homes, business buildings, etc. ARE PAYING MUCH MORE THAN YOUR FAIR SHARE OF THE TAXES AT THIS VERY MOMENT not only for the Imperial Valley College but for the many other taxes that the County collects for-county expenses, schools and high schools, hospitals, fire districts, etc. etc.

IF AN OVERRIDE TAX IS VOTED IN FOR IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE, THE ONES OWNING THE RANCHES WILL ALSO ESCAPE PAYING 2/3 OF THE OVERRIDE TAX!!

I have told you about this faking in making low assessments on farmland for many years. The Statewide Homeowners Association which has offices in San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, made an independent research here several years ago and found the very same thing that I have been telling you for years. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE!!!

THIS PROBLEM IS NOT ONLY HERE BUT IT IS IN ALL THE AGRICULTURAL COUNTIES WHERE THE BIG RANCH INTERESTS CONTROL THE ASSESSOR. THE ASSESSMENTS ARE RIGGED SO THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TOWNS PAY MORE IN TAXES TO MAKE UP FOR THE PROPERTY TAXES THESE BIG FARMS ESCAPE.

It is interesting to point out to you that 3 years ago many assessors were put on trial and convicted for taking the payoff for giving fake low assessments to certain property owners.

The office of the Attorney General of California gave this testimony at that time regarding the Irvine Co. which owns an 88,000 acres ranch in Orange County. The Attorney Generals office testified that the Irvine Co. should pay \$10½ millions yearly in property taxes on this big ranch but only paid \$1½ millions thereby escaping \$9 millions!

Look at your County property tax bill and you will find that \$2.00 out of every \$3.00 collected goes to elementary and high schools and Imperial Valley College. This is why you must follow my advice if you want the tremendous burden of your school taxes lifted from your shoulders. Correct assessments on farmland will solve school finances.

ASSEMBLYMAN VICTOR VEYSEY AGAINST WHOM I RAN IN THE NOV. 1968 ELECTIONS IS A LIAR, I REPEAT IS A LIAR WHEN HE TELLS YOU THAT YOUR SCHOOL TAXES WILL BE LIGHTENED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA!!! THE ONLY

WAY THIS TREMENDOUS TAX LOAD OF THE SCHOOLS WILL BE SOLVED NOT ONLY IN IMPERIAL COUNTY BUT IN THE OTHER COUNTIES IS TO PUT THE CORRECT ASSESSMENTS ON THE RANCHES AND FARMLAND.

Veysey is Chairman of the State Assembly Committee on Education and has been putting Press Releases in SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS, THE SAN DIEGO UNION, AND THE RIVERSIDE ENTERPRISE, ALL OF WHICH SERVE THE 75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WHICH CONSISTS OF ALL OF IMPERIAL COUNTY AND THE EASTERN 2/3 OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Veysey has his lies printed in these newspapers and the radio stations put out local news by quoting verbatim from these papers.

ALL THESE NEWSPAPERS KEEP A CURTAIN OF SILENCE ON MY STATEMENTS SO THAT THE PEOPLE IN THIS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ARE BRAINWASHED AND DO NOT LEARN THE TRUTH. THE TRUTH ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES IS KEPT FROM YOU. EXACTLY THE SAME THING IS DONE IN COMMUNIST AND OTHER DICTATOR LED COUNTRIES WHICH CONTROL THE NEWS MEDIA AND GIVE ONLY ONE VIEWPOINT!!! YOU DO NOT HAVE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN THE 75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT!!!

Assemblyman Veysey will tell you to vote for the Override Tax for Imperial Valley College but he does not tell that he escapes \$10,000.00 yearly on his ranch property and will also escape 2/3 of the override tax if it is passed.

Here is a list of big absentee corporations owning or operating farmland in Imperial County and the amount of property taxes they escape yearly by this tax swindle:

Irvine Co.	\$120,000.00
Dow Chemical Co. (has land that Bud Antle, Inc. farms)	\$100,000.00
United Fruit Co. (each year will increase its acreage)	\$60,000.00
Kaiser Aluminum Corp. (acquired Berylwood in Palo Verde)	\$60,000.00
Purex Corp. (acquired Brock Ranches and others)	\$80,000.00
CBK Industries Inc.	\$40,000.00

There are many others like Los Alamitos Land & Cattle Co. and the Fred Bixby Land Co. and many individual absentee landowners from all over who bought the farmland for "tax shelters". The important point to remember is that 70% of the farmland is owned by the absentee landowners and it is for their benefit that you are swindled so that override taxes are always being proposed to get money for Imperial Valley College and the other educational facilities. NO OVERRIDE TAX WOULD BE NEEDED BY ANY EDUCATIONAL FACILITY IF THE CORRECT TAXES WERE COLLECTED FROM THESE ABSENTEE FARMLAND OWNERS!!!

This is what is meant by "COLONIALISM" when one nation runs the industries in an another country and milks the profits out and leaves the taxes to be paid by the people living in the exploited country. Just substitute absentee landowners for "one nation" and Imperial County for "another country" and it all simmers down to the same "COLONIALISM".

If the U.S. Reclamation Law was enforced as to the residency provision and regards the 160 acres per person limitation, then and only then would it be permissible to have these low assessments on the farmland for all the people owning and farming the land would live in Imperial County. These local farmowners must be supported so that they can compete with farmers from other sections SINCE THEY WILL SPEND ALL THE PROFITS HERE IN IMPERIAL COUNTY AND THIS WILL BENEFIT THE CITY PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NON-FARM BUSINESS.

BUT THE BIG CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ABSENTEE FARMLAND OWNERS TAKE THE PROFITS AND ALSO THE TAXES THEY ESCAPE HERE AND SPEND THEM ELSEWHERE WHY SHOULD WE BE FOOLS AND PERMIT THIS SWINDLING?

It has been highly publicized that all the Chambers of Commerce have asked you to vote for the tax override. These Chambers are controlled by the big ranchers and the merchants are afraid to say anything. The Chambers and service clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc. are so scared they are afraid to invite me to speak. So at the meetings when the big ranchers or their stooges speak, I put my Newsletters in their autos. My Newsletters made the Federal Government file the lawsuit to enforce the Reclamation Law and start the anti-smuggling campaign against narcotics. ALL THOSE WHO ADVISE "YES" NEVER OPENED THEIR MOUTHS