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MEMBERS OF 4H & F.F.A. ARE BRAINWASHED

The big ranch interests try in every way to keep the people in ignorance. This is mainly done by putting propoganda articles in the local newspapers formerly known as PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS and now with the change of ownership called SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS.

With the California Mid-Winter Fair running between Feb. 23 and March 3, 1968, there is a lot of propoganda being put out to brainwash the young people so that they will not know the true facts about farming. The Mid-Winter Fair is being used partly as a propoganda device to fool the teenagers.

Throughout most of the year, you will constantly see articles about this or that 4H Club or Future Farmers of America group. Investigation has shown that there are about 600 members in the 4H and about 150 members in the F.F.A. BUT THEY ALL ARE BRAINWASHED SO THAT THEY NEVER LEARN HOW TO BE A SUCCESS IN FARMING.

IN IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIF., ONE CAN NOT BE A SUCCESS IN FARMING UNLESS HE RECEIVES HANDOUTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER DECEPTIVE NAMES LIKE "LAND DIVERSION", PRICE SUPPORTS", and "BEET PAYMENTS".

Instead they are all taught about technology in farming and live stock raising and are led to believe that this is the road to success. Under present conditions, there are not more than 25 of these teenagers who will become successful farmers. The only reason these 25 will succeed is that they will inherit big ranches which receive big handouts from the Government.

Examples of successful farmers by inheritance are--1. John Benson of 466 Willard St. Brawley. His ranch receives a handout called "land diversion" amounting to \$140,000 yearly. This money is paid so that he not grow cotton on a certain amount of land. On other land, he grows cotton and he is given another handout with the fancy name of "price supports". Now John Benson went to school to become a lawyer so you see that you do not have to know farm technology to be a successful farmer. You just have to be able to stick your hand out and collect the handouts; 2. Robert Wilson of 297 West G St. Brawley is another successful farmer by inheritance. His ranch receives yearly a handout of \$46,000 for "land diversion".

The important thing to remember is that all these big handouts that the large ranches receive are the same like those paid for the support of dependent children where the father is dead, is disabled or is missing. The natural mother or the foster mother receive about \$400.00 per year to board, feed, and take care and clothe the child. So a woman taking care of 10 children gets \$4,000 yearly but she has to do much work and spend the money for the children. The \$140,000 that Benson gets is the amount of money needed to support 351 children annually and the \$46,000 handout Wilson gets will support 114 children yearly. BUT WILSON AND BENSON HAVE TO DO NO WORK FOR THE HANDOUTS THEY GET.

The members of the 4H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America Clubs are urged to fatten lambs, cattle and swine for showing and sale at the Mid-Winter Fair. THIS IS ALL NONSENSE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

Most of the children do not live on farms that show their animals at the Mid-Winter Fair. A lot of the children think they are going to make money raising the animals. They start in September and work for 7 months and quite a few lose money especially those who grow beef.

It is absolutely criminal how a CURTAIN OF SILENCE is maintained in the schools about success in farming. In the agriculture courses taught in the high schools and also in Imperial Valley Jr. College, nothing is taught to the teenagers about the U.S. Reclamation Law and the 160 acres limitation. The youth are not taught that in order to be able to collect the handouts, that one must own the land.

The big farm interests want to collect the handouts and have their stooges on various Board of Trustees of the high schools and Junior College so the students are not taught the facts about farming here. There are 500,000 acres under cultivation here. Imperial County rates 5th in the nation in agricultural production amounting to \$230 millions yearly. If the U.S. Reclamation Law was enforced here, there would be about 1,600 families each having 320 acres. Since the Federal Government gives out \$12 millions yearly in handouts, it can easily be seen that each farm family will receive \$7,500 annually.

This is what the teenagers should be taught--how to collect money without working for it--just like the Elmore family of Brawley which collects \$610,000 yearly for doing nothing--not growing cotton.

The children should be taught that the Federal Government will help them buy the land with no money down and a mortgage for 40 years at five % interest. Then they should be taught how a farm can be a "tax shelter". Their attention should be directed to The Christian Science Monitor of Dec. 18, 1967, page 11 where is printed, "Senator Metcalf quoted an Internal Revenue Service study as showing that 64% of high income bracket owners of farms---with incomes of \$50,000 or more each in 1965--- claim they lost money on their farming operations". So the ones claiming they lost money, pay no income taxes. The other 36% claim they made little profits, so they pay very little in income taxes.

With such knowledge about "tax shelters", the teenagers will then recognize why a big manufacturer of bleaches like the PUREX CORP. will come to Imperial Valley to buy the BROCK RANCHES as reported in the San Diego Union of February 27, 1968. The Purex Corp. is doing this to collect the handouts and to have a "tax shelter".

For outside study, the youth should be sent by their teachers to the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Committee at 300 South Imperial Ave. El Centro to look up the handouts big ranchers receive in various crops. This will really teach the youngsters how to make money in farming.

The members of the 4H and F.F.A. Clubs should start writing campaigns to President Johnson, and to U.S. Senators and Congressmen telling them to have the U.S. Reclamation Law enforced and to divide up fairly the handouts that are being given out here. They also should write to Mr. Oren Staley, President of the National Farmers Organization, Corning, Iowa 50841 asking him to send in his organizer to start a chapter here so that the big ranchers who control the Imperial County Farm Bureau can be fought.

As was told before, under present conditions only 25 of the 750 members of the 4H and F.F.A. can become successful farmers. The other 725 have no chance unless the U.S. Reclamation Law is enforced here. The teenagers should not waste their time raising lambs, swine, and steers. They should enter political activities as have been suggested and which will really bring success to them in farming.

Every teenager interested in going into farming and not being forced to leave Imperial Valley to make a living when he grows up, should show this Newsletter to as many young people as possible. Do not let the big Ranchers with the help of the Imperial County Farm Bureau and SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS fool you!!!!