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Under the Constitution of the United States, you, the people, are entitled to have FREE SPEECH and FREE PRESS.

But in Imperial Valley, you do not have either. How many of you are afraid to speak up and object to how the big ranchers are swindling you on your electricity bills out of \$14 millions yearly? If you have a job, are you not afraid that the big ranchers will have your employer fire you? If you are a merchant or businessman, are you not afraid that the big ranchers will boycott you and make their employees boycott you?

Now when it comes to the daily newspapers which are owned by a syndicate led by Franklin D. Schurz, of South Bend, Indiana, you do not have FREEDOM OF THE PRESS either. SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS takes a payoff in advertisements from the big ranchers and their allies every 3 weeks. You will recall that the Brawley News (and the other Schurz newspapers) have a supplement every 3 weeks in which the big ranchers are praised to the skies. Notice the large number of advertisements put in by the allies of the big ranchers. Notice the large number of propaganda articles.

There is no need for such a supplement since similar advertisements are seen each Thursday in the newspapers. The supplement with its propaganda articles is put out so that the big ranchers and their allies can make their payoff by means of advertisements. SO AT NO TIME DOES SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS PRINT ANYTHING WHICH IS DEROGATORY OF THE BIG RANCHERS EVEN IF IT IS THE TRUTH.

This is why this Newsletter is being put out---SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN HAVE SOME SORT OF FREE PRESS AND THEREBY LEARN THE TRUTH. But this Newsletter comes out only about twice a month while Schurz comes out daily with his newspapers. SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON TO THE OTHER CITIZENS SO IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LEARN THE TRUTH!!!

At the meetings of the Brawley City Council, I, as your Councilman, have made many important statements about serious matters in the City of Brawley. Jim Duke, the reporter for the Brawley News, has been present at these meetings. HE EITHER DOES NOT REPORT WHAT I HAVE SAID OR SO TWISTS IT AROUND SO THAT THE READERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

Now I do not know if Jim Duke is getting a private payoff from the big ranchers (payoffs to reporters is a very common thing all over the U.S. and the world in an attempt to control public thinking) or he has to do what he has been doing or be fired from his job.

NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON, JIM DUKE IS A REPORTER PROSTITUTE BECAUSE HE IS PROSTITUTING THE PRESS AND DENYING YOU A FREE PRESS TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

I have repeatedly made statements at the City Council meeting which Jim Duke has not put in the newspaper so that you the voters are left in ignorance how the City Council has been permitting the big ranchers to steal you blind. One of the most serious problems is the Cattle Rodeo Park. There is no need for a Cattle Rodeo Park. Those of you who attended the Mid-Winter Fair on March 3rd, 1968

saw a tremendous Rodeo which was seen by about 10,000 people. In addition, at the Mid-Winter Fair that day, there were numerous other attractions for the people to see and enjoy.

This socalled rodeo at Cattle Rodeo Park is a fake. This entire setup was started so that the children of the big ranchers could have their horses stabled close to where the ranchers live in Southwest Brawley. This park is being run as a private riding academy and Hunt Club for the benefit of the rich. YOU, THE TAXPAYERS OF BRAWLEY, ARE BEING MADE TO PAY HEAVY TAXES SO THAT THE RICH KIDS CAN KEEP THEIR HORSES IN THIS PARK. IN ADDITION, THE CITY OF BRAWLEY IS PAYING A MAN \$5,000 OF YOUR TAXES AS A SALARY TO BE A BABY SITTER FOR THE RICH KIDS HORSES.

These ranchers have big farms on which they can stable the horses of the children. There is no reason for the City of Brawley to spend thousands of dollars making stables and paying for a babysitter.

In addition, Ed Rutherford who owns the Golden State Rodeo Co. is using the park like the Barnum and Bailey Circus used Sarsota, Florida as a home base for the rodeo horses and cattle. I have seen his trucks parked in the park. Notice the 2 gateways that were cut in the park fence which lead from the park to Rutherford's privately owned ranch to the West.

You taxpayers who are supporting Ed Rutherford and his buddies, should go down to the park one day and see the trailer home in which the baby sitter for the horses lives in, and also these trucks of Ed Rutherford and his buddies.

I have protested all this at City Council meetings but Jim Duke, the Reporter Prostitute, has not printed my statements in his paper or he has so twisted it so that the people do not understand what is going on. Instead, he has given the Rutherfords, the Kershaws and the other cattlemen a big buildup so you would be led to believe that they are a big help to the City from an economic standpoint.

Nothing could be further from the truth. All these cattle feeding yards have as workers "greencard" Mexicans who live in Mexico and commute to work each day. They take their wages back to Mexico and the merchants in Brawley are left to wail about bad business. There are just as many cattle feedyards all over the Valley and do not be fooled to think that Brawley gains anything from the feedyards. Rutherford and these other cattlemen with offices in the City, do not pay their occupational taxes.

You are now asked to read in the Brawley News April 4, 1968 the article entitled "18 MILLIONAIRES PAY NOT ONE CENT". This will prove to you that the millionaires have many loopholes by which they escape paying any income taxes or pay very little. Rutherford and the other big ranchers probably do not pay the income tax that the average school teacher pays. Jim Duke prints all about Rutherford's socalled big charity donations. You see this all the time in the newspapers.

This is all hokum. These donations by the big ranchers are all deducted from the income tax. It amounts to this---either the income tax gets it or the big rancher can give it to charity(?). So he gives it to charity(?) and gets a reputation with Jim Dukes help of being a philanthropist.

The airport is another serious problem. This airport is worth \$1/2 million and the ranchers pay rent of \$10,000 yearly. They should pay \$50,000 yearly. They have a pilot under hire who flies the wives to Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Palm Springs to buy clothes, etc. Our merchants lose the business while the City subsidizes the big rancher wives to shop elsewhere. Between the airport and rodeo park, you taxpayers are being cheated out of \$75,000 yearly. So if you want to learn the truth, re-elect me as Councilman April 9, 1968. Do not forget, just vote for Ben Yellen, do not vote for 2 more Councilmen. The big ranchers want to get rid of me and are trying everything. VOTE FOR BEN YELLEN..