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# DR. YELLEN INTERVIEWED ON NBC NEWS-TV COAST TO COAST

On Sunday, Feb. 6, 1972, at 6:15 p.m. NBC NEWS-TV broadcast coast to coast the news of the battle in IMPERIAL VALLEY as to who should do the farming here, the resident farmers or the absentee corporations like TENNECO, INC., PUREX CORP., DOW CHEMICAL CO., UNITED FRUIT CO., KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL CO., THE IRVINE CO., THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND CO. and many other smaller outside companies and persons.

The broadcast mentioned the lawsuits, UNITED STATES v. IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT and BEN YELLEN et al. v. WALTER HICKEL, SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR. The viewers saw pictures of the ALL-AMERICAN CANAL which brings Colorado River water to the IMPERIAL & COACHELLA VALLEYS to make possible irrigation farming which gives a yearly profit of \$50 millions.

Scenes of vast acreages of farmland without homes on it, were shown to show the absentee corporations and absentee persons in action since they own 70% of the farmland. DR. YELLEN was filmed walking down the Main Street of BRAWLEY, CALIF. distributing his Newsletters to autos. He was also interviewed to tell why he has been putting out Newsletters in this way for the past 10 years in his battle to get enforcement of the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW OF 1902 which states that only persons resident in the area can get irrigation water for farming and that each person is limited to that amount of water needed to farm 160 acres.

SHELDON GREENE, an attorney, who is Chairman of the West Coast NATIONAL COALITION FOR LAND REFORM, which advocates enforcement of the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW was also interviewed. FRED BRIGGS, the NBC reporter, gave the commentary and described the various scenes.

The entire presentation was concise but detailed so that the estimated 25 million viewers of this NBC NEWS-TV program all over the United States would have a good idea as to the battle and situation in IMPERIAL & COACHELLA VALLEYS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON THE MEXICAN BORDER. IMPERIAL COUNTY ranks 4th in the U.S. in agricultural production and these big outside corporations are not here for small profits. The yearly agricultural production of IMPERIAL COUNTY of \$300 millions exceeds that of 12 states. For example the big STATE OF MAINE HAS A YEARLY PRODUCTION OF \$225 MILLIONS.

NBC NEWS -TV heard of the one man battle against the big corporations in these Valleys and realized that if DR. YELLEN succeeded, that the entire economic situation would be changed all over the 17 Western States for there had not been enforcement of the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW AND THOUSANDS OF FAMILY FARMERS HAD BEEN SQUEEZED OUT OF FARMING IN THE WESTERN STATES BY THE CORPORATIVE FARMERS.



NBC NEWS-TV realized the importance of this right and felt that the people of the United States should know about it especially so since it is the tax money of all the people which pays for these Reclamation Projects to bring irrigation water to the farmland. It is also interesting to know that DR. YELLEN has been informed that an advertiser on a coast to coast broadcast like this, has to pay \$11,000 per minute. NBC NEWS-TV broadcast in the early evening hours was formerly known as the HUNTLEY-BRINKLEY PROGRAM but has now been taken over by JOHN CHANCELLOR.

By contrast, the actions of FRANKLIN D. SCHURZ, the man who controls the SOUTH BEND (IND.) TRIBUNE with a daily circulation of about 121,000, must be told. He is a bigtime newspaperman who was on the executive committee of the ASSOCIATED PRESS. His paper has almost the same daily circulation as the SAN DIEGO (CALIF.) UNION with 140,000.

THE FRANKLIN D. SCHURZ INTERESTS bought out the local chain of newspapers in Indio, Brawley, and El Centro in these two valleys and continued the CURTAIN OF SILENCE set up by VIRGIL PINKLEY in not permitting the proponents of enforcement of the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW to present their views in the papers. So the chain was nicknamed PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS and when SCHURZ continued the same policy, it was re-nicknamed SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS. SCHURZ'S son has continued the same CURTAIN OF SILENCE. ROBERT V. LIGGETT, Managing Editor of the BRAWLEY & EL CENTRO newspapers was sent here to carry out SCHURZ'S POLICIES. LIGGETT came here from SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

THE RESIDENTS OF IMPERIAL & COACHELLA VALLEYS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO A CONSTANT BARRAGE OF BIG FARM INTERESTS PROPAGANDA. DR. YELLEN HAS HAD TO WALK THE STREETS OF THE TOWNS IN THESE VALLEYS (TOTAL POPULATION 110,000) TO COMBAT THIS BRAINWASHING BY GIVING OUT HIS NEWSLETTERS TELLING ABOUT THE U.S. RECLAMATION LAW FOR THE PEOPLE HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE LAW PREVIOUSLY.

But it was necessary for CONGRESS to find out how the corrupt U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR was not enforcing the U.S. RECLAMATION LAW. Ordinarily, if SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS had printed articles about the situation, the UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (to which these papers belong) would have sent these articles over the wires to Eastern newspapers which many of the U.S. Senators and Representatives read.

Since this did not happen, it was necessary for DR. YELLEN to send his Newsletters to members of Congress, officials in Washington, D.C. and newspapers of high reputation like the WASHINGTON, (D.C.) POST, THE NEW YORK TIMES, ETC. to break the CURTAIN OF SILENCE. THE NBC NEWS-TV BROADCAST OF SUNDAY, FEB. 6, 1972, TO 25 MILLION PEOPLE HAS BROKEN THE CURTAIN OF SILENCE.

At present there is a most peculiar situation here. These Valleys have the highest unemployment and people on welfare percentages in the STATE OF CALIFORNIA. This is due to the fact that mobs of Mexicans cross the border daily as commuters to work for the absentee corporations. So local workers can not get work or if they do, have to work at DEPRESSED WAGES.

Thousands of local people can not afford television sets or if they can, can not afford the \$7.50 monthly fee for cable for cable is needed for the best programs. THOUSANDS HERE NEVER SAW THE NBC NEWS-TV PROGRAM ON THE SUBJECT. SCHURZ'S PROSTITUTED PRESS WILL NOT PRINT ONE WORD THAT SUCH A BROADCAST EVEN OCCURED. ONE WOULD THINK THAT THESE VALLEYS ARE IN RUSSIA WITH ITS STRICT CENSORSHIP.

Those who know smalltown newspapers, know that they print some very insignificant items. In the El Centro and Brawley issues of Feb. 9, 1972, JAMES DUKE, one of the REPORTER PROSTITUTES, wrote an article which has two photographs and takes 1/3 of the front page and even has an additional column on page 2. The title in big letters is, PUBLIC PRIVY TO NEW GLAMIS FACILITY. This article is about an outhouse at a point on the railroad that has 13 registered voters. But the article does not tell what will be used for toilet paper--A SEARS ROEBUCK CATALOGUE OR CORN COBS. A patient of DR. YELLEN's when asked called "WELL NO, YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR OWN TOILET PAPER". JOURNALIST