

PLUNDERING THE FARMER!

● An Expose of Upton
Sinclair's "Epic" Scheme
to Russianize California
Agriculture and Destroy
Independent Farming

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Upton Sinclair's visionary scheme of establishing a Communistic "Utopia" in California—populated by the unemployed and destitute from every corner of the world—spells inevitable ruin and disaster for the independent California farmer!

It means the beginning of a Communistic system of TENANT FARMING—with the State as the landlord!

It means competition with thousands of new farmers, subsidized by the State and SELLING THEIR PRODUCE AT COST!

It means PAYING THE BILL (IN NEW TAXES) TO FINANCE NEW COMPETITORS!

It means increased over-production, glutted markets, ruinous prices—A COMPLETE BREAK-DOWN OF ORDERLY MARKETING!

It means the overthrow of independent agriculture in California, if the "Epic" plan succeeds!

And it means TAX-CONFISCATION OF INDEPENDENT FARMS TO PAY FOR THE FOLLY OF COMMUNISTIC EXPERIMENTATION, if it fails!

Either way, it means disaster for California's permanent farm population!

There can be no escape from these facts, when you subject the "Epic" plan to careful analysis.

And every California farmer, if he values his personal security—and the welfare of his home and family—should KNOW THE FACTS before he goes to the polls on November 6th!

FREE LANDS . . . STATE PENSIONS AND DISASTER!

Dreaming his dreams of a Communistic Empire, Upton Sinclair has pictured California to the world's unemployed as a Utopian haven of refuge.

With promises of "jobs for everyone"—free lands and state pensions—he has started a "hunger march" on California which threatens to bankrupt every industry and every citizen in the State—unless it is halted by a decisive rebuke at the polls!

According to his own statement, he expects more than 5,000,000 unemployed—drawn from every corner of the nation—to "hop the first freight" for California, if he is elected governor.

And California farmers, already fighting with their backs to the wall—struggling desperately for a new foothold in the battle for rehabilitation and recovery—are expected to welcome the Five Million as competitors on state-subsidized farms.

Not only that, they are expected to FINANCE THEIR COMPETITORS—set them up in business.

THE FARMER "PAYS THE BILL"

To care for THE MILLION UNEMPLOYED ALREADY IN CALIFORNIA—as well as THE FIVE MILLION YET TO COME—Mr. Sinclair proposes, as the foundation stone in his Communistic structure, a colossal system of state land colonies.

These new farmers—the unemployed and destitute—will be placed on "lands sold for taxes and at foreclosure sales," given free seed, free equipment, free instruction and free supervision!

They will be supplied with a state-subsidized trucking system to carry their products to market—community "barter shops," community theaters, social halls, newspapers and state-supervised nurseries for their children!

But the California farmer knows, perhaps better than any one else, that some one always—and inevitably—"pays the freight"!

And farm property, because it can not hide out in vaults—because farmers can not easily shift their residence to some other State, when disaster looms ahead—WILL PAY THE BILL! There should be no mistake about that. Experience is a hard teacher. And the farmer has learned from experience!

RUINOUS PRICES, DISRUPTED MARKETS

Nor is that all!

Upton Sinclair is bitterly opposed to "the profit system." And the average California farmer—at least in normal times—tries to "farm for profit"!

But there will be an end to that—under Sinclairism!

California's horde of amateur farmers—the "Epic" farmers, garnered from every other State in the Union—will MARKET THEIR PRODUCE AT COST! And keep in mind that they will be financed—in this "Utopian" experiment—by independent farmers, attempting to keep "out of the red" and perhaps, by dint of long hours and sheer determination, actually making a profit!

But how long will there be any profit in independent farming in California under Sinclairism? Ask yourself that question before you cast your ballots on November 6th.

Mr. Sinclair himself explains the non-profit farming system in his latest campaign booklet, "Immediate Epic," which is just off the press.

On Page 14, he makes the direct statement: "We shall have a system of production for use which puts the unemployed at work producing everything which can be produced in the State of California, and EXCHANGING THESE PRODUCTS AT THE COST OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION . . ."

Again he says (on Page 13), referring to the permanent farm population of California (the ones who "pay the freight"): "WHAT WE ASK IS THAT YOU SHALL FEED THE WORKERS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST TO OUR NEAR BANKRUPT STATE . . ."

There can be only one certain result of this fantastic scheme—and any seasoned farmer knows it! That result will be tax-confiscation of the independent farm property in California!

Glutted markets, with tremendously increased over-production; terrific tax bills to pay for Communistic experimentation; competition with a state-subsidized group SELLING AT COST—the answer is inescapable.

And the answer is TENANT FARMING. In very short order, no farmer would own his property. It would revert to the State. And the State, under Mr. Sinclair, might lend it to him—or perhaps to some out-of-state unemployed—BUT ONLY ON CONDITION THAT THE FARMER WENT COMMUNISTIC AND RENOUNCED ANY HOPE OF "PROFIT"!

PROTECT YOUR FARMS . . . SAFEGUARD YOUR HOMES!

California farmers know about land colonization from previous experience. The state land colonies at Delhi and Durham were disastrous and costly failures. AND CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS—ESPECIALLY CALIFORNIA FARMERS—PAID THE BILL TO THE TUNE OF MORE THAN \$3,000,000!

Ask yourself, on November 6th, do you want a repetition of this ghastly failure on a whole-sale scale?

Ask yourself, "CAN I AFFORD SINCLAIRISM?"

And do not be deceived by Upton Sinclair's fervid denials of his Communistic affiliations. "Out of his own own mouth shall he be judged!" Upton Sinclair's Communistic affiliations are plainly written in "The Red Network" for 1934, the "Who's Who" of the radical movement, published by Elizabeth Dilling.

His denials began when he assumed the role of Democrat—for political purposes, as he frankly admits.

On November 6th, STAY AMERICAN!

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