Industry and DNA research

"Risky Profiteering"

Sue Edelman

Major U.S. industries are not standing pat on lenient drug research policies. Two companies that have or will soon be conducting recombinant DNA research are Miles Laboratories; Eli Lilly & Co.; Hoffman-LaRoche; the Upjohn Co.; Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories; Pfizer, Inc.; and Abbott Laboratories.

"Three other corporations involved in drugs, chemicals and agricultural products are investigating potential applications of recombinant DNA. Cetus Corp.; CIBA-Geigy Corp.; Dupont; Dow; W.R. Grace and Co.; Monsanto; French Laboratories; Wyle Laboratories; and Searle Laboratories," the magazine states.

These companies, whose DNA work is as yet entirely free from any governmental supervision, have already resisted disclosure of their activities, to protect patents on new forms of life they may develop.

Nearly as secretive has been the federal government's interagency committee on recombinant DNA, organized last fall to study possible regulatory procedures. The committee's hearings have been held in secret, with only diluted minutes available to the public.

The committee is not expected to be tough on industry. The director of the National Institutes of Health, Donald Fredrickson, has already assured corporation leaders of his concern for their interests in recombinant DNA. And Mother Jones has learned that several of the 15 members of the government committee had previously been employed by major U.S. corporations.

In California, the state assembly held two hearings in January and one in early February, and will consider enacting legislative controls over recombinant DNA research. (Currently, only federally-funded research has been asked to comply with non-enforceable NIH safety guidelines.) Scientific experts are testifying at these hearings, which are attended by assembly members; originally scheduled public testimony was postponed.

What the state legislators probably learned, however, is that there is not yet any right or wrong in the DNA debate, that neither the scientists who warn of potential disaster nor those who call that alarm unjustified can prove their arguments. The legislators will finally base their actions on political instincts, decide whether to bow to the industrialists or the environmentalists, to support the academic elite in the name of scientific progress, or demonstrate a rigid concern for public safety.

Last month, the Searle Club drafted a national stance opposing "the creation of recombinant DNA for any purpose, save in a small number of maximum containment laboratories operated and controlled by the federal government." Though the government may also abuse the technology, Representative E. Douglas DeNisco, its monopoly is preferable to proliferation of experiments.

Mere regulation of research would be of little value, DeNisco said, because experiments can be completed within hours, and inspections can't tell—until it's too late—whether infectious agents had been properly sterilized or dumped down the drain, and into the sewer.

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committee..." would do its dirty work and come up with a very weak plan. But to the citizens committee is credit, it came up with what is by and large a decent plan. At the heart of the CACSI plan is assignment integration. You assign children to school to achieve integration. It's the only way you can do it. The committee realized that and responded. "But," Ripsman contends, "the board had no idea that's what they would do. They thought they had stacked it so a particular point of view would be overwhelming. Now they're caught, the board is exposed. They've made a mockery of the citizens committee."

Speaking for the board majority, President Nava denied the existence of a secret plan. "You probably won't believe this," Nava stated, "but we knew what was going to be in the CACSI plan before it was approved. We had access to the committee meetings. The public board members had their own concepts of how far they would go and so the board and the staff had some days to study the CACSI plan. That explains how we were able to come up with our own plan on such short notice."

As for the charge that Nava, Miller and Brown-Rice had breached the faith of their constituency, Nava reported, "It's true in part that the board majority is not as liberal as liberals thought it was. But liberals are in a crisis, they are fragmented and they have to realize that it is politically desirable to respond to a new conservatism that's emerged in the United States. The kind of conservatism that Governor Brown and President Carter appealed to. Liberals are going to have to realign themselves."

If a crisis on the left weakened liberal plans, the board's rejection of the CACSI plan and adoption of its own limited plan for integration have gone a long way toward establishing old coalitions.

While Miller calls the plan "innovative," Brown-Rice sees it as an "inertive" approach. Nava says it will avoid "the Right's" rejection of the plan action by a large segment of the population that has sought an angry. In the valley and parents rallying around total elimination of busing staged one day boycotts of schools. Rallies have featured "Hell no, we won't go" signs, and Ku Klux Klan literature.

On the other side of the valley is a broad coalition of community groups who feel the CACSI report is just too acceptable and the board plan is totally inferior.

The ACLU, which filed a broad appeal to the Supreme Court, has vowed to legally oppose the board plan, and has gone to the court for approval. Board member Diane Watterson will offer the CACSI report as a minority board pass to the court.

The NAACP, CORE, CSEA Urban League, Parents Coalition Against Racism and scores of others have been meeting by proposing programs designed to give a visual message that racism will no longer be tolerated and that schools must be integrated.

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The discovery discussed earlier this summer of PCB's in two bathrooms on the campus was revealed during the July 4th vacation. The presence of PCB's in the campus' water supply has been confirmed by the Los Angeles County Department of Health, which has been investigating the problem since last fall.

The PCB's were discovered in the water supply of the Westwood Village, a Housing Authority complex that serves low-income families. The PCB's were found in two of the complex's five buildings.

The discovery has prompted an investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has been monitoring the water quality of the Westwood Village for several years.

The EPA has not yet announced whether it will take any action against the Housing Authority or the landlord of the Westwood Village.

For more information, please contact the EPA at 202-260-2050.

Environmental health

The quality of the nation's environment is deteriorating, according to a new report by the National Wildlife Federation.

The report, entitled "The State of Our Nation's Environment," finds that the nation's water quality, air quality, and wildlife populations are all on the decline.

The report was released at a press conference in Washington, D.C., where it was hailed as a "groundbreaking" study by environmentalists.

The report's authors, led by Dr. John E. Hoagland, director of the National Wildlife Federation's Conservation and Environment Program, said that the nation's environmental problems are "worse than we thought."
Life as theatre: IA's the thing
Ben Pleasant

Drama
Editors note: To participate in Pleasant's brand of phenomenological theatre, one should first obtain a pass from the author, then proceed to any location, plop oneself down, and simply observe. Options include wearing a sign identifying oneself as the audience, or utilizing any already existing seat such as that found at city council meetings or bus stops. Choral or hiss training is also optional. We have found that quite often this brand of theatre provides the best show in town—and it's free.

1. Theatre and Phenomenology: The philosopher real drama exists within the walls of a theatre is intrinsically wrong. I could exist and then again it might not. What if the audience were Bantu or the play Hamlet? Would that be theatre? Would the Bantu recognize it as theatre? I don't think so. It depends on whether one thinks of theatre as a Language or Life. The Bantu would find Hamlet rather fitting even if it were translated into their tongue. A group of laundry workers were given a choice between six TV programs: a soap opera, etc., and a play by Shakespeare. Shakespeare, then by nurses, nurses, then by Shakespeare. Why? "It is all words," "it's not a sign, I guess," "it's not that they couldn't be taught to like S," etc. I'm not saying that they rejected him on two counts: the language was not true to life and the characters (to them) were not real. What is real for the Bantu or the laundry workers may not be real for the upper middle class theatre goer but since the upper middle class and the upper (can I use that term for those above us?) class controls the purse strings of theatre, we rarely hear anyone else to determine what theatre is. In a recent article, John Simon, trenchantly, in the New York Magazine, bemoaned the fact that pastry cooks and workers were now writing poetry. Pauly Simon. Power to the poor-poetry cook. It's about time we looked at life from other angles; it has been under glass too long.

Phenomenology opens the door to REAL theatre. From Husserl we get the general prescription: look at the phenomenon without preconceptions or conclusions or predictions on the outcome. Theatre today is preconceived, weaned, bunched (in that order) and funded by a large band of proponents who put on what they want to see, hear, believe. I am not arguing that we put on the antithesis and set the Hegelian dialectic in motion; I am simply suggesting we take the audience out of the theatre to examine real life.

2. The audience: What is an audience? It is a man half asleep in his own bed watching a commercial for ear drops? Is it a church congregation? Is it a man in a bus station watching the people walk by? Is it thinking of all these and most likely it is not a ticket buyer who is sitting in a seat watching a play. The word audience comes from audio— to hear. The man in the bus station watching the people walk by is hearing as part of his existence, and yet he is set apart. A man in a theatre is hearing, also set apart, but what he hears is preconceived. Pause there for the audience to get the consequences, a of such and such remarks, increase division and simply suggested pea. The audience is not a group of hearers, but a group of trained listeners. The audience is different in the stage and add remarks of their own? How will that affect the play? Must we accept the playwright's preconceptions, his viewpoints? Would we do that in life, at the bus station? Theatre demands that the audience suspend participa-

Examples
- 883 Baseline westbound: The bus is good phenomenological theatre. The audience should sit in the front. The best time to ride is not in the morning, when the bus is full and the air is hot, but in the early evening, when people are doing nothing, loafing, going to get their unemployment checks. I know this because I have asked. On one such ride there was a religious fanatic carrying on a conversation with himself about parking tickets. The driver was telling us how he implored the policeman, quoting the Bible, not to give him a ticket. Each time he did so the officer wrote out another ticket. On the seat across from me a man was getting on to work on Broadway asked for 50 cents. He was carrying a large pile of phone books. He never explained to me why he needed the money or why he was carrying the phone books. Two young black nabes watched a religious fanatic, but each time he would go, look at them, they'd turn away. Finally the religious fanatic turned around and said, "I'm not a religious fanatic."

1. Bruno in venice west
Ben Pleasant

Lawrence Lipton has spent most of his time helping other writers: men, women, young, old, black, white and brown. I doubt he's spent more than a week of his life pushing his own poetry. There are two reasons for that: he knew that his verse had been reviewed a high standard of excellence and would find its way onto library shelves at one time or another. He knew that good, inexperienced writers needed help and direction.

Now, two years later, we have his final volume of poetry Bruno in Venice West, a middle-sized volume containing some of his most beautiful and moving poems. There is "Lacklame in Limo" where the assembly line worker throws his life away to another man's time clock: "The bell line moves, the fingers do their work, where have they vanished, all the years, the years, the years?" We hear the ringing in the echo of Lipton's quiet against the slaughter of lives sacrificed to industry.

In "Dead Reckoning" he turns his glass blown by his own generation, who were to lead us to a new beginning, but ended instead with the "final glass, same, blood-red for a dying day." There is the amusing irony of his "I Was a Poet for the First" by a poem that came true, thanks to the double-dealing editors of the Partisan Review. His "He's received particular critical acclaim.

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Melinda Dillon The lady in Glory

The lady in Glory

Not once i the mind, has a character been so much in the forefront of the public eye after playing a part in a film. Melinda Dillon, the young actress who played the part of a murderess in Hal Ashby's "Bound for Glory," has never been out of the public eye since the release of the film. She has appeared in several films since then, including "The Last Detail" and "Shampoo." Dillon has continued to work steadily, and her performances have been praised by critics.

In "Bound for Glory," Dillon played the role of Susie, a young woman who becomes involved in a dangerous relationship with a man named Woody. The film was directed by Hal Ashby and was nominated for several Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

Dillon has since gone on to work in a variety of film genres, from comedies to dramas. She has also appeared in stage productions and on television. Dillon is known for her ability to portray a wide range of characters, from tough, independent women to vulnerable, emotionally fragile roles.

Recently, Dillon has been working on a project that she is very excited about. She is set to star in a new film that she is producing and directing. The project is still in the early stages, but Dillon is committed to bringing it to the screen.

In her own words, Dillon says, "I love working, and I'm always looking for new challenges. I'm excited about this project because it gives me the opportunity to tell a story that means a lot to me. It's a story that I believe in, and I'm looking forward to bringing it to life on screen."
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NAPA rally suppressed

At noon on Sat., Feb. 19 the L.A. chapter of NAPA (Network Against Psychiatric Assault) will sponsor a march from Metropolitan State Hospital, 17800 S. Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk. The purpose is to call for an independent, adequately funded patient rights program; the minimum wage for inmate workers; replacement of institutions by genuine alternatives—non-medical and community-based; an end to forced treatment or confinement. Endorsing this action and supporting these demands is a very broad coalition of community groups and local affiliates of national organizations concerned with human rights, which at press time already includes NOW, ACLU, Gay Community Service Center, Coalition for Economic Survival, Coalition for Youth to the World's Problem, Fellowship for Social Justice/1st United Church, Feminist Healing Arts Cooperative, Fair Undergrund, Libertarian Party, Committee for the Defense of the Disabled, NOVA, Union of Disabled People’s Rights, National Committee for Human Rights, etc.

On Friday, Jan. 21 several representatives of the Demonstrators Union Force, met with Metro director Mal Towsley to seek the use of a small portion of the huge grounds for the rally. Towsley flatly refused, claiming that the area would be “occupied” by the police. Obviously, use of the grounds would be ideal for discussions with police and inmates alike—which is perhaps why he would have nothing of it. Asked if it was contrary to state laws or departmental regulations to permit public gatherings on taxpayer property, Towsley responded that he was within his “rights,” according to the Office of Legal Affairs at the State Department of Health. (He had been contacted by local and city officials subsequent to NAPA’s request for a parade permit, and consulted with Sacramento to prepare his refusal.

What more, Towsley will not even allow demonstrators to merely march on the grounds, and he said that any literature intended for inmates must first be cleared by him and “made available” by staff, not the public. Asked why he would censor information, Towsley responded with claims that it might “incite to riot” or be “pornographic”!

On Jan. 24 the coalition sought approval to hold the rally on a grassy lot adjacent to the civic center at the corner of Norwalk Blvd. and Imperial Highway. And was denied by the Norwalk City Council. This area has been used by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and other groups for carnivals, etc. The Supposed justification for denying use of the lot, according to the City Attorney, was that only “local people” are “eligible to use city property. But more than anything else, our spectacles of “outside agitators” was the unexpectely caustic remark by one council member that “these groups don’t appear very respectable to me.”

As an organization led by and largely consisting of former psychiatric inmates, NAPA members see this attempt at repression as a result of same chauvinism, the mentalis-

Toward painless car repair

I don’t know of one person I had to contact with who doesn’t have a good horror story to tell about their car and the mechanics who offered to fix it. Oh, my goodness—worse and worse and worse.

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If you have a problem in a particular system try to find a specific or garage that deals with your problem. In the more area you are looking for one that specializes in automotive electrical problems. A good way to check is to talk to anyone who has done the same kind of work. You’ll find them, more knowledgeable and a lot faster.

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L.A. espionage trial uncovers—

The CIA in Australia

Tom Thompson

Revelations of CIA manipulation of Australian labor unions, political parties and covert uses of U.S. satellite bases in Australia uncovered during an espionage trial in Los Angeles are threatening to create a constitutional crisis in Australia which may see the present conservative government toppled.

The disclosures by former TRW/CIA security clerk Christopher Boyce who was found guilty April 29th in Los Angeles of selling classified documents to the Soviet Union, has created yet another international furor concerning the infamous activities of the CIA in the internal affairs of other nations.

Boyce, who operated both voice and teletype communications for the CIA at TRW, stated that he first learned of CIA clandestine activities in Australia during a security briefing around December, 1974.

“I learned about the way we would practice a day-to-day deception in our transmissions to the Australians.” As a result of that knowledge Boyce stated that he decided to “make it public.”

That attempt began when Boyce told his friend Grandis A. Lee, an alleged drug smuggler, about the CIA activities during a party. Boyce alleged that he and Lee were discussing the CIA involvement in overthrow of the Chilean government of Salvador Allende when he told Lee, “You should tell what the CIA is doing to the Australians.”

Boyce then stated that he wrote a letter to Lee outlining the nature an extent of the CIA activities in the hope that Lee would use “influential contacts” of Lee’s father to see that the information became public.

Boyce later contended that he was blackmailed by Lee into providing the Russian KGB with more data.

The testimony concerning CIA activity in Australia, while tantalizing serious, has in fact been extremely limited.

Boyce, speaking in nearly inaudible tones, stated that he learned of “The suppression of strikes by the Central Intelligence Agency of Australian labor unions.” When asked which unions, Boyce replied “The railroads, traffic, pilots, around the airports.” This was done by “manipulating the leadership of the unions.”

Government attorneys have succeeded in having classified top secret, the letter Boyce wrote to Lee, a ten-page statement given to the FBI, and mounds of other documents relating to information Boyce had access to.

Defense attorney William A. Dougherty, under court order not to discuss the contents of the Wardour “It’s our understanding that there’s much more in those reports that relate to the CIA.”

The government only saw fit to declassify one project during the trial, that being a system known as Pyramider.

“Pyramider” was a top-secret satellite communications system to allow CIA agents in “designated” portions of the world to communicate with the CIA.

The project, which was to have been developed by TRW had, according to government witnesses, never gone beyond the planning stages and had in fact been scrapped as too expensive and therefore unworkable.

Former CIA agent Victory Marchetti, co-author of “The CIA and The Cult of Intelligence,” called by the defense to testify that the “Pyramider” project should not have been classified top secret, has since shed more light on the nature of the secret CIA satellite spying in Australia.

Marchetti, in an exclusive interview with the Vanguard, stated that Boyce told him that one secret project at Pine Gap was a synchronous satellite dubbed “Ryolite” which was capable of spying on China and large portions of the Soviet Union. Boyce also told Marchetti that an “add on” to the “Ryolite” system was another secret project dubbed “Argus”.

The exact nature of “Argus” was, according to Marchetti, kept a secret from the Australians in violation of an agreement between the two countries regarding U.S. satellite bases and their operations.

Marchetti also stated that the CIA had been funding the right-of-center Liberal and National Country parties in Australia for about ten years with the “tacit approval” of the Australian intelligence organizations.

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Editorial

Pardon this pause

The newspaper you are holding in your hands right now is a landmark. It is the last regular issue of The Los Angeles Vanguard for a while. Although this announcement is usually the beginning of an end, this is different. We are suspending publication not because we are folding up, but to enable us to secure funding for a new beginning. This decision is bigger and it certainly more exciting than what we have done so far. The news is that some members of the collective who struggled to keep the real news of Los Angeles on the streets have affiliated with a non-profit tax-exempt corporation — the Ombudsman Institute. The institute’s plan is to act as an information network for Los Angeles, and as a major part of that effort, we will publish a weekly newspaper, just as you have become used to with the Vanguard.

The important thing about the Ombudsman Institute is that it enables us to solicit run-na-rededible contributions. Our intention therefore is to suspend publication until we reach our goal of $60,000 — enough to finance a weekly publication for a full year.

We won’t be using advertising, nor will we be setting up a subscription fund for now. This is, of course, not indefensible. That makes it an in-house sponsor. As part of that sponsorship, you will receive free 12 issues of the paper.

The next several months our energies, and the energies of all those who join us will be devoted to solicitation drives. Fund raisers (any ideas?) We will be makings weekly newsletters to keep our potential readers informed about our progress, and upcoming events. If you want to be a part of this project, and are not already a subscriber of the Vanguard, send in your check, become a sponsor, and get on our mailing list.

With this last issue before our self-imposed hiatus, we have some other good news. Last month, the Vanguard became an award-winning paper. Our presence in the market, specifically the operation of the operations of the phone company’s "security office" and its practice of giving out unlisted numbers and credit information to private citizens as law enforcement agencies on request was declared "Best Series in a Weekly" at the 1984 Annual Awards of the L.A. Press Club. This is just one more demonstration of the need for a good people’s paper in Los Angeles.

In our ninth week of publication last year, we broke a story which brought two of the largest corporations in California — Pacific Telephone and General Telephone — whining before the State Public Utilities Commission — something the I.A. Times probably wouldn’t even know how to do.

Scarcely a year ago, a group of disgruntled journalists and local community activities got together to form a new group for Los Angeles of an alternative publication. The result, beginning late March, 1976, was the Los Angeles Vanguard. During our 14 months on the street, we’ve learned a lot. We’ve learned that we don’t need a sponsor to be just another advertising

Call to action

Editor

AL 933 has been reintegrated into the Housing and Community Development Committee. No date has yet been set for this bill, but the author is demanding that the bill be heard as soon as possible. A list of the members of the Housing and Community Development Committee and I urge you to write the member who represents the district in which you work or live and urge him to vote "NO" on AB 933 when it appears before his committee.

This bill was introduced by the California Housing Council in an effort to prevent local governments from adopting rent control pursuant to the decision in Bickart v. City of Berkeley, 17 Cal. 3d 129 (1976). However, the sponsor of AB 933 goes beyond the issue of rent control. If enacted, this bill would preempt existing local regulation of landlord-tenant relations, such as San Francisco’s ordnance prohibiting discrimination against renting to families with children. It would not affect state law. It can be overridden by a two-thirds vote in the Senate, which was never codified into existing law.

If tenants are to defeat this measure it must be done before the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. A similar bill was vetoed by Governor Brown last year, but we must rely on similar action this year.

Write to:
Peter R. Choak (Chairman) (B) Teresa Hughes (Vice Chairman) (B) Willi L. Brown, Jr. (B) Charles R. Inbrecht (B) Terrence Mansur (B)

Any more questions?

Dear Mr. Samoff:
You have asked if the law enforcement agencies received your listing for Telephone Number 255-1900.
We gave your name and address to the following:
Pasadena Police Department
On May 11, 1976
Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department
Our February 6, 1976 Federal Bureau of Investigation
May 14, 1976
I hope this answers all your questions.
Sincerely,
J. R. Black
District Security Manager

Swine flu law

calls for more

Tom Thompson

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The Southern California water conspiracy

LOCAL NEWS BROADCAST SACRED

The DWP has also moved to break the opposition by eliminating an important communication guardrail. The Eastern Sierra News Service broadcast a regular evening newscast that regularly covered the activities of the DWP. "We just reported the news," says John Heston in his Texas drawl. "I'm a patriotic, conservative journalist." But several weeks ago he told his fellow reporters that the management of KINC, the Valley station that carried the program, that their program was being cancelled. In recent months, however, new evidence of the city's ruthless tactics has been uncovered.

Approaching a decisive legal battle, Los Angeles Valley residents charge, has resulted in the dismantlement of water resources to the area's economy, the sacking of a new broadcast characterised as unfairly to the DWP, and threats to Marshall politicians to pressure Inyo County to abandon its environmental lawsuit, which currently restricts groundwater pumping to the Valley.

CROWLEY LAKE

"Just a few hours drive north of Los Angeles via highways 14 and 395, you and your family can find one of the most beautiful and diversely year-round recreational areas in the western United States, the Metcalf Reservoir is full in the Inyo-Mono County, where the Owens River and Mammoth rivers stream teams with a variety of trout to test the angler's skill."

APRIL 10 fishing season began at Crowley Lake—the heart of that angler's paradise. Crowley is a DWP-created reservoir covering 8.2 square miles in elevation near the top of the Los Angeles Aqueduct system. It is more than 14,000 angler days per year, and divided into the Inyo County region for the first day of the season, but not this year.

The reservoir Sierra lake has shrunk so much that fishermen were unable to launch boats only with the help of specially-built launching ramps.

"It's a helena mess," Warren Bahm, camp manager of Crowley Lake for the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, said.

"It was getting a certain size of an inch of water a day from the Owens River and from the streams entering the lake, and the Department of Water & Power has been drawing down the lake for a day or two for its needs."

The city says it is creating a sense of desperation among the local area, dependent on the reservoir, for the few viable economic support. The Metcalf Reservoir has been expropriated for the benefit of the Owens Valley Economic Development District of the century. Merchants, in turn, have been walked to a new sump with few fishers. Fred Leith purchased the "Perch's" fishing rights on Crowley Lake; the owner invested $40,000 in his business, with his last corner being no more than a few fishers.

Leith is fed by surface flows and not wells, reveals the key to the conspiracy.

AN HISTORIC DECISION

Until recent years the DWP has caused nothing snow from the Sierra Nevada for 80% of the Los Angeles water supply. In the late 50's, however, they began mining the extensive water supplies found under the valley. The Owens Valley has been the single largest supplier in the state's system. The MWD has been building the 80,000 acre feet of water in the San Luis Reservoir as captive, claiming that these supplies cannot be released until the Owens Valley pumping restrictions are lifted, even though the LA Aqueduct is not even linked to the MWD system. Bushings of Kern County farmers recently rolled into Inyo County to pressure residents to forsake their land.

"Such divisive tactics were designed and calculated to pressure the citizens of Inyo-Mono and Kern Counties against each other to further the end of the conspiracy," charges Bishop attorney, Leland Bray.

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Leigh Christy