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# MONOPOLY CONTROL

### TAXPAYERS ATTENTION:

If you are a homeowner or small husiness man then you should know the following facts:

1. Neither the Telephone and Telegraph Co., nor the PG & E have paid ground rental for wire poles although a city ordinance, enacted 35 years ago, provides that they should pay 10¢ per year per

pole.

2. The lumber companies, doing hundreds of thousands of dollars business, pay a flat license fee of \$75 per quarter. The small business and professional men pay according to their gross business. Many small business and professional men are forced to pay from \$15 to \$25 and more per quarter, while doing only a tiny fraction of the husiness as compared to the lumber companies.

The Standard Oil and other oil companies pay no license fee for operating their trucks in the city, while the local trucking concerns pay from \$5 to \$10 per quarter for each of their trucks.

4. The local newspapers pay \$25 per quarter flat rate. Why

not on their gross business such as the small business men?

Many small properties, are assessed at a higher valuation than for which they can be sold. Under the administration of the present Mayor and City Council, the burden is made to fall more heavily on the small business and professional men and on the small home and property owners than on the big property ewners and corporate interests. These are some of the inequalities that exist under the present license ordinance. A WPA Project, under the direction of the City Clerk and City Attorney, drew up a new ordinance in 1938 which would have corrected some of the inequalities. Although the Council adopted the ordinance, the Mayor vetoel it, and the Council failed to override the Mayor's veto. Strong doubt exists as to the legality of the Mayor's veto because, from the records. it appears that the Mayor failed to veto the ordinance within the time specified by the City Charter. Thus the small business men and small property owners are getting it in the neck.

VOTE OUT THE OBSTRUCTIONIST BLOC IN THE EUREKA CITY GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 19TH.

VOTE FOR ALBERT J. (MICKIE) LIMA FOR COUNCILMAN, 5TH WARD.



I. FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE:

Recreational Centers and Swimming Pool

II. FOR THE HOME OWNER AND SMALL BUSINESS MAN:

More equitable taxation and license fees.

### III. FOR LABOR:

The fundamental rights of labor -- to organize, to strike, and to picket -- to be guaranteed without police interference and brutality. Union wages for all city employees.

WPA projects for the unemployed.

IV. GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR EUREKA:

Modern transportation system, sidewalk and street improvement, and adequate sewage and drainage systems, through use of WPA and PWA grants for lowest possible cost to taxpayers.

V. STOP MONOPOLY CORRUPTION OF CITY GOVERNMENT:

Public investigation of Mad River Dam project, and complete report to the people of Eureka on costs, lack of filter system, reservoir, etc. Enforce Ordinance #331 which sets ground rental rate of 10¢ per pole per year for telephone and electric poles.

Stop favoritism to large corporations which are best able to pay.

VOTE FOR ALBERT J. (MICKIE) LIMA, CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL.
WHO IS PLEDGED TO WORK FOR THIS PROGRAM.

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