

# HOME FRONT

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## THE GREAT HOUR IS APPROACHING

The coming invasion, so long prepared and now a matter of weeks, days or even hours, is on the minds of millions.

The sustained American and British air offensive smashes day and night at enemy factories and railways, power plants and harbors. The signature of the Czechoslovak-Soviet agreement providing for control of liberated Czech territory by the government-in-exile itself, gives proof of how soon the Red Army intends to cross the Carpathians. Finally, Marshal Stalin's Order of the Day on the first of May, defined the next task of the United Nations strategy and announced the readiness of the Soviet people to do their share of the climactic fighting.

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## LAND FOR THE PEOPLE

In the last issue of the Home Front, we carried the exclusive story of the attempt in Congress to amend the Reclamation Act to do away with the limitation of 160 acres on landholdings.

Of course, the outcome of this attempt will deeply affect Arizona's future. We believe that behind this move is a desire on the part of land sharks (in Arizona they are already buying cheap desert land which they hope to sell to settlers for exorbitant prices) and corporation "farmers" to get hold of millions of acres of new land that will be irrigated after the war. We oppose strongly this effort of a small minority to control the great natural resource-land. We want to see families of veterans of the military and production fronts use the land.

Proponents of abolishing the 160 acre restriction argue that it is a question of modern farming versus old-fashioned horse and plow methods. This is a false issue.

Those who have studied modern farm needs do NOT want to go back to the "forty acres and a mule" period. They want to see our rural life become even more modernized. They realize that mechanization is the hope of the family farmer. There

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Folks are aroused over the proposed amendments to cripple the OPA. It's a case of plain Bill Smith against the Smith Bill.

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should be no contradiction between saving the land from the land-grabbers and making it possible for thousands of our people to build homes and raise happy, healthy families.

The answer is not to let land-grabbers control the land nor the struggling horse and plow farmer who ekes out a bare living. Large scale farming can be done by family unit farms of 160 acres. The efforts of the National Farmers Union has proven that. It means rural electrification, purchasing and distributive cooperatives and educational programs. Why can't a group of family farmers produce and market such profitable crops as lettuce, as well, if not better, than a handful of corporation "farmers" living in cities.

There is work to be done to save the land for the people. Let Arizona's Congressional delegation know that we are opposed to abolishing the 160 acre restriction. Let Arizona Land Commissioner Williams know how you feel. Support Governor Osborn's water and power program.

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# MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNIST KILLED #  
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Worcester, Mass.- The Communist Party of this city held a memorial mass meeting April 30th in tribute to Technical Sgt. Ben Spungin. Sgt. Spungin was killed in action in New Guinea on March 5th.

Prior to his enlistment, Spungin was city secretary of the Communist Party here and a member of the Massachusetts C.P. state committee.

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"TEARS" FOR MARTIN DIES

Martin Popper, Sec'y., Lawyer's Guild: "---defeated because he symbolized national disunity."

GREAT HOUR - (cont'd.)

Most important was Stalin's emphasis that Hitler is still dangerous. Much hard fighting remains to finish him off, and that must be on the soil of Germany itself.

Swift, decisive blows are on the order of the day. Our own armies are fully prepared to make them possible. As Gen. Eisenhower declared in January, and as Rear Admiral Ernest King repeated recently, victory in '44 is completely within view. There is only one "if", and that is the American home front whose trouble lies in that small handful of conscious defeatists.

The outrageous insurrection of defeatist Sewell Avery is an example of a last-minute effort to distract the nation from its immediate task ahead.

Or take the newly-announced revival of Father Coughlin's movement on the East Coast under the leadership of a man who abuses the robes of the church, Edward Lodge Curran. Or the filibustering of the attorneys for the 29 accused seditionists on trial in Washington.

But the forces of patriotism are fighting back. At long last, Justice Eicher is cracking down on the attorneys for the accused seditionists and the Administration, in a necessary move hailed by labor and upheld by the letter of the law, put down Mr. Avery's insurrection.

Much more boldness is needed. Unity at home and support for the President against everything divisive and partisan is the "order of the day" for every patriot.

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## MONTGOMERY WARD

When a few misguided workers are provoked into a strike, that is unpatriotic. Sabotage! But when a reactionary employer goes out on strike against the United States Government, he is a hero of the struggle against regimentation to the "get Roosevelt, he's more dangerous than the Hitler crowd."

The Ward Chicago units had been taken over by the Gov't when the company refused to comply with a WLB order to continue its expired contract with the CIO. The management questioned whether the CIO still represented a majority when the contract expired last December.

Pres. Roosevelt said at a news conference that "if the election shows that the union has a majority, then the management has declared that it is willing to continue its contract...."

On May 9th, the CIO decisively won the election, but Mr. Avery is still unwilling to renew the contract, thereby continuing his feud with the CIO and the Gov't of the U. S.

### - WATER USERS -

Now, Lin Orme and his reactionary friends who control the Water User's Association, have gleefully seized upon the Monkey-Ward case. The purpose ---- to create a breach between the farmers of the Salt River Valley and the Roosevelt Administration and organized labor.

Orme, M. O. Best, the grower-shipper, and others long known for their hatred of labor and the Roosevelt Administration have succeeded in getting the councilmen and governors of the Water User's to announce they will follow the scandalous example of Sewell Avery and defy the U.S. Gov't, if the WLB rules they must sign a maintenance of membership contract with the 600 AFL employees who maintain the power system.

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## FARMERS

Arizona farmers had further evidence the other day on the wide gulf between President Edward A. O'Neal and the bulk of the working dirt farmers.

Appearing before the House Banking Committee, considering extension of life for the OPA, O'Neal attacked consumers subsidies and advocated policies which would bring unlimited profiteering and inflation. All this was done while shedding crocodile tears for the farmer.

He placed the blame for labor's demands for increased wages to meet rising living costs upon our patriotic production soldiers. He ignored the fact that the large growers and food processors, whom he represents, by their opposition to subsidies, have a great responsibility for rising living costs.

He ignores labor's position of a reasonable profit for farmers but against wild profiteering. He conveniently forgets to tell the farmer that rising costs cut down the working farmer's net income through increasing the cost of materials the farmer buys from manufacturers. He says nothing about inflation which means more taxation because the government will have to pay billions more for the cost of the war. O'Neal doesn't mention that labor is the farmer's best friend and customer.

In contrast to O'Neal's position, James Patton, president of the National Farmers Union criticised proposed amendments to the price control act.

Speaking on the amendments, Patton said, "...obviously intended to legislate a bulk-like price policy, and then do nothing about the fantastic profits of the favored producers."

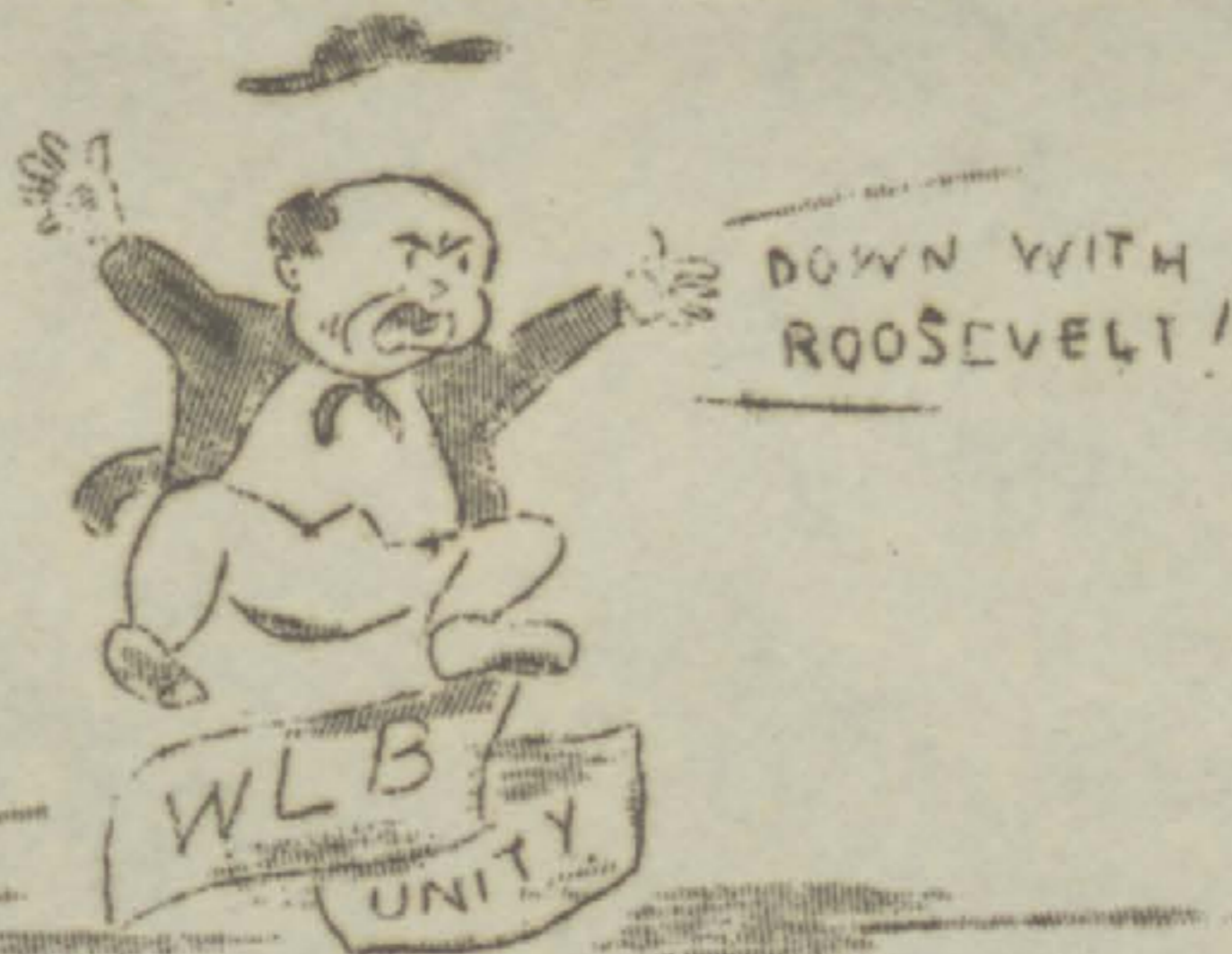
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BACK THE ATTACK  
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## MONTGOMERY - (cont.)

Avery's argument is that maintenance of membership is the closed shop. Actually, it is a compromise between the open and closed shop. Labor, when it sacrificed the strike weapon for the duration, suffered a loss in its ability to win important benefits. One of these is the security of the closed shop, wherein every employee must be a member of the union, just as every water user must pay the Association for benefits received, and accept majority decisions.



Now even before the WLB can decide on the case, the Orme cabal threatens the Board with a strike if it orders such a clause. In contrast to this attitude is that of Alfred Shackelford, representative of the IBEW, who simply replied that his group would abide by the decisions of the Board.

The clique running the Association is determined to make political capital of the affair, whatever it costs us in national unity. Like their big brothers in Chicago, they feel that the opportunity to get labor and "that man" in Washington is too good to miss.

A word to progressive forces in the state: Observe the action of the AFL in the Monty-Ward case. It "unhesitatingly condemned" the company, although a CIO union is involved. It's up to these forces to get to the people with the truth about these cases.

## ARIZONA SCENE

Wm Petersen, Corporation Commissioner running for Congress, may carry a union card and give out cook books but he fools few on where he stands. It is common knowledge that he has consistently gone down the line with Amos Betts, Corporation Commissioner, in upholding the rate gouging of Arizona light and power companies. If he gets to Washington he can be expected to undermine TVA for his masters.

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Last year, Phil Tovrea, cattleman, meat-packer and organizer of the Associated Farmers, shut down his packing plant at a critical period in our war effort, because the OPA refused to do away with price control. His paid propagandists tried to convince the public that the rank and file of cattlemen were supporting his greedy, unpatriotic action. The other day, when the Central Arizona Cattle Feeders Association passed a resolution asking that "the price structure be maintained", we learned who Tovrea speaks for.

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It looks like Congressman Harless is going to stick to his guns on pushing his repeal of that section of the Smith-Connelly Act which places political restrictions on labor unions. His statements, when introducing the repeal the other day, are forthright and to the point.

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The reactionaries within the Democratic and Republican Parties, as well as profit-mad corporations are united in the desire to defeat Wilson Wright for re-election as Corporation Commissioner and D. C. O'Neil for re-election as Tax Commissioner. It seems the crime committed by these two men is that they have upheld the interests of the people.

# POWER PROPAGANDA

Every month the Central Arizona Light and Power Company obliges you with more than just a bill for services rendered. A colorful bit of dangerous propaganda is also enclosed, the constant tune of which is a "fear" for the future of our nation.

"Will it be Socialism or Americanism?" asks CALAPC. No one talks about "Socialism" except CALAPC and the Republican Party, both of whom apparently have the same "fears" - that our present win-the-war Administration will be re-elected to office in November of this year.

They have dragged out the spectre of "Socialism" in order to confuse and split the American people.

Too, CALAPC, realizing enormous profits at the expense of the general public is fearful of the growing trend towards municipal ownership of power. The citizens of those localities where power is city owned, enjoy cheaper rates, so CALAPC is truly fearful this time - for its profits are concerned.

For these reasons, "Socialism" is brought into the picture.

It is important that our citizens are not misled by false issues. Our primary task is to defeat the Axis. Our very next task is to make of the post-war period one of peace and security. Cooperation between the United Nations and within our own country will achieve that goal.

## WARSAW GHETTO (cont.)

Suddenly, the ghetto became a fortress, and the 35,000 with machine guns, rifles, clubs and bare hands, fought the Nazis for five whole weeks. The Polish underground estimates that six to ten thousand Jews died, but that they took over a thousand Nazis with them, and left the ghetto and 800 war factories a mass of rubble. (cont. on pg.6)

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## ARE YOU HELPING THE HOME FRONT?

The policies expressed in the HOME FRONT have one over-all objective - uniting our people at home for the destruction of the Axis and for an enduring peace for generations to come.

We appeal to you as a reader of HOME FRONT to help us carry on this most important job. Frankly, we need your financial help. Your contribution will help a lot in doing this job.

Yours,

FOR A STRONGER HOME FRONT

*M. Graham, Editor*

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The sedition trial in Wash. was taken so long to get started because the defense tried to insist their clients could not get a fair trial if the jurors were prejudiced in favor of the U.S.



## WARSAW GHETTO

On April 19th, the freedom loving world commemorated the first anniversary of the revolt of the Warsaw ghetto. A year ago, the 35,000 Jews living in the ghetto of the Polish capital awaited the same extermination that had overtaken the rest of the 600,000 who had been packed by the Nazis into that quarter.

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Montgomery Ward has now learned it has to fill orders from the President too.

## DAVID JOHNSON

The whole community of Phoenix is aroused over the killing of David (Star) Johnson, popular young Negro patrolman, by city detective Navarre, Tuesday, May 2nd.

Although Navarre claims to have shot Johnson in self-defense, the evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest indicates the contrary to the majority of the people of Phoenix.

The evidence points so  
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## ARIZONA FARMERS

### WARSAW (cont. from pg. 5)

Space does not permit us to pay adequate homage to the heroism of this section of Europe's under-round. Let it suffice to quote from New Masses' tribute: "May 2- It was one of those rare events which sometimes happens in the lives of individuals and nations who stand on the very edge of despair and hopelessness and seem to be doomed to destruction. Suddenly some hidden source of power is tapped and the individual or people is revived; new springs of energy and hope are discovered and the people rise to a strength and glory which they had never suspected they could achieve.."

The revolt of the Warsaw ghetto proves that human beings, no matter how oppressed and downtrodden, when they understand the justice of their cause will courageously stand up and strike against the enemy. This is true of the many races and creeds which make up the peoples of our United Nations - Jews and Gentiles, yellow, black and white men. All have proven themselves on the fields of battle and will continue to do so until the Axis foe is defeated.

Elsewhere in this issue we have occasion to take a poke at some of our local farm leaders who do their farming from behind desks in Phoenix office buildings. It's a sad fact that the small farmer and rancher has no worse enemy than the so-called "farm bloc" type of misrepresentative.

A case in point is the editorial in the Arizona Farmer, April 22. Using a Future Farmer as an innocent mouthpiece, the editorial says "(Farmers) do not feel that the guarantees made to induce them to increase production have been fulfilled.. to tell the truth, we doubt if Arizona farmers ever relied very much on those promises." This argument sounds pretty strange coming from the mouths of those who have always fought production subsidies and most efforts on the part of the Administration to help the farmers.

The implication here is that the farmers are crazy if they increase production on the basis of alleged promises from the Government.

This is mighty careless talk, especially when on the same page the Arizona Farmer presents as its platform the simple phrase "WIN THE WAR".

## JOHNSON (cont. from pg. 6) HEALTH OR MONEY??

strongly to murder that Maricopa County Attorney Walsh has filed first degree murder charges against Navarre.

Certain facts stand out so sharply that a plea of self-defense brings to mind the favorite reason the Gestapo gives for killing one of its victims, "shot while attempting to escape."

Navarre, off duty, interfered with Johnson, on duty and in uniform, in citing Lloyd Simmons, a friend of Navarre, for going through a stop sign. On the witness stand Navarre admitted he didn't know whether Simmons had gone through the stop sign or not.

Simmons testified that Navarre had unbuttoned his coat before Johnson was supposed to have gone for his gun. Johnson was shot in the back, indicating he attempted to get away from Navarre.

In the face of this evidence, the coroner's jury found Navarre had killed in self-defense - after TEN MINUTES deliberation. On the lips of many people the words, WHITEWASH, was heard.

Since the coroner's jury verdict, Justice Harry Westfall, in whose court the original verdict was made, has bound Navarre over to the Superior Court for trial on first degree murder charges.

## UNITY OF OUR COMMUNITY NEEDED

America today is engaged in a life and death struggle against the forces of lawlessness, racial hatred and persecution, bigotry and slavery. Americans of all colors and origins are fighting together for the right to life, liberty and security for all peoples.

The complete unity of all Americans, Negro and white, is needed in order to bring the war to a speedy and victorious conclusion.  
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Our neighbor, ARIZONA FAX, raised a talking point several weeks ago, in its discussion of the opposition by organized medicine to the proposed Wagner-Murray-Dingell Health Insurance Bill.

The medicos closed their annual meeting in Tucson on April 15th with a blast by Dr. Dan L. Mahoney, of the city. Dr. Mahoney said of the bill that it was "socialistic" and would destroy the very democracy for which we are fighting.

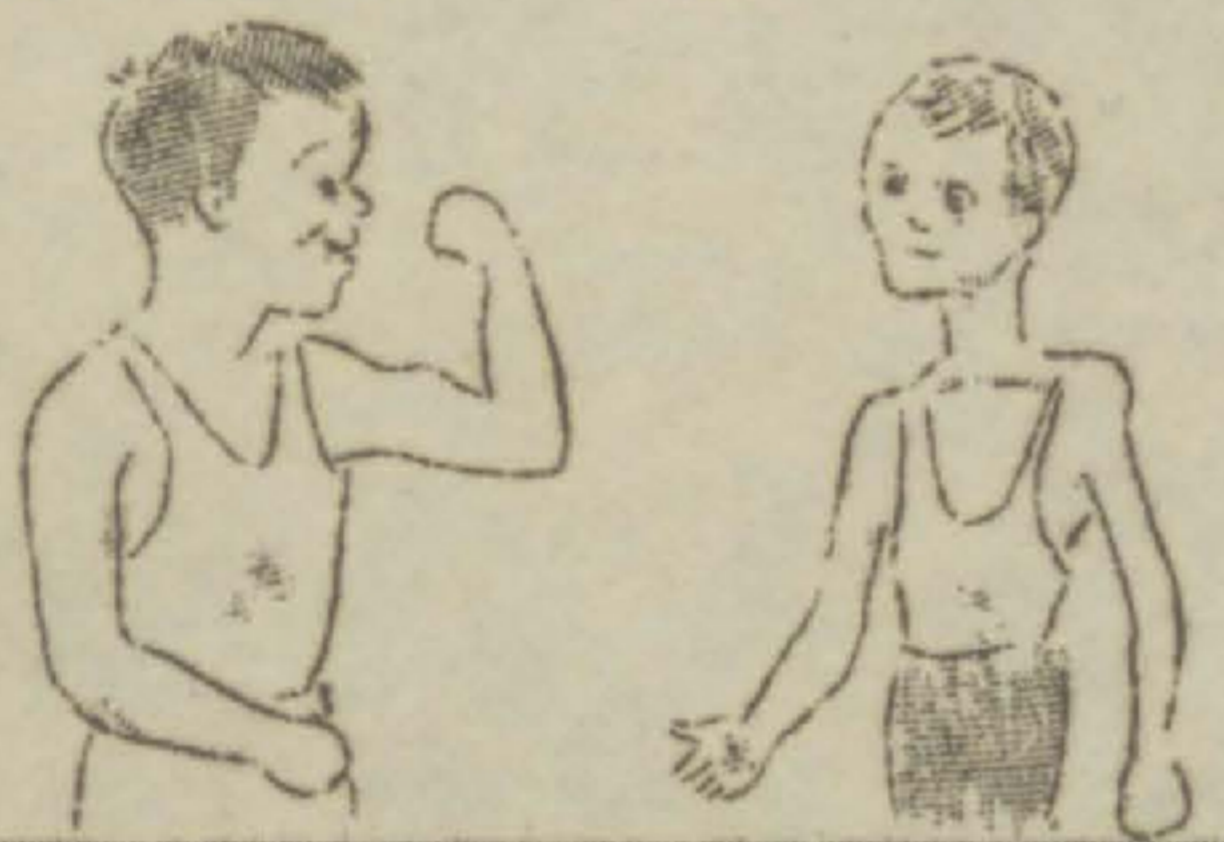
FAX points out that the mighty Phelps-Dodge Corporation has for long boasted of its system of COMPULSORY medical aid, far more drastic than anything the Administration has proposed, in that there is no choice of doctors, etc. Far from opposing the P-D system, Arizona's medicos have even elected a P-D doctor as president of the Arizona State Medical Association.

Main argument of the reactionary forces behind the national smear campaign is the "you couldn't choose your own family doctor." This statement is a barefaced lie.

The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill is similar to the Social Security law, also described ten years ago, as a "threat to our democratic system." Fact is, under the measure, every body would pay a higher tax, and be guaranteed complete medical attention, hospital facilities, etc. You would have the privilege of choosing any physician who agreed to operate under the plan, and he would simply present his bill to the government. Doctors and representatives of the public would set a fixed rate for each type of service. Simple? Then what's all the noise about? There are many parts of the country where the ratio of doctors to population is too low for safety. Arizona is one of the worst in this regard. (on pg. 8)

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The whole point is that established, prosperous doctors tend to view their work as a competitive business, rather than the almost holy work of saving lives, and behind the medical groups are sinister forces, headed by such well-known reactionaries as Frank Gannett, Cal McCormick, and others, who opposed even the mildest reform as "socialism". The British have long had a system of medical insurance in effect; we haven't heard that that country had gone socialistic. At least at the time of going to press.



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 #NOTE: Readers of "WOLFFRONT" who  
 #want to learn more about the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill and the  
 #campaign against it are recommended to consult IN FACT, weekly news-letter published by Geo.  
 #Seldes, and other literature  
 #available at the Abraham Lincoln  
 #Bookstore, 716 1/2 East Washington  
 #St., Phoenix.  
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## D. JOHNSON ( cont. )

clusion. The gravity of this killing demands that justice be meted out swiftly and surely or our national unity may be jeopardized when unity is most needed.

# POLE TAX

Defeat of the anti-poll tax measure in the Senate can be laid directly at the doorstep of the Republican Party, according to proponents of the measure.

Refusal of GOP senators to respond to the appeal of Harley M. Kilgore (D., W.Va.) for support of a cloture rule fixes responsibility for this serious set-back of the anti-poll tax struggle upon their shoulders.

Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential favorite, rejected the appeal of Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who asked Dewey to support the move to urge GOP senators to limit debate.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio of N.Y., sponsor of the anti-poll-tax bill, said the fight for passage of the measure would continue, and if not passed at this session, he would introduce a new bill at the next session.

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