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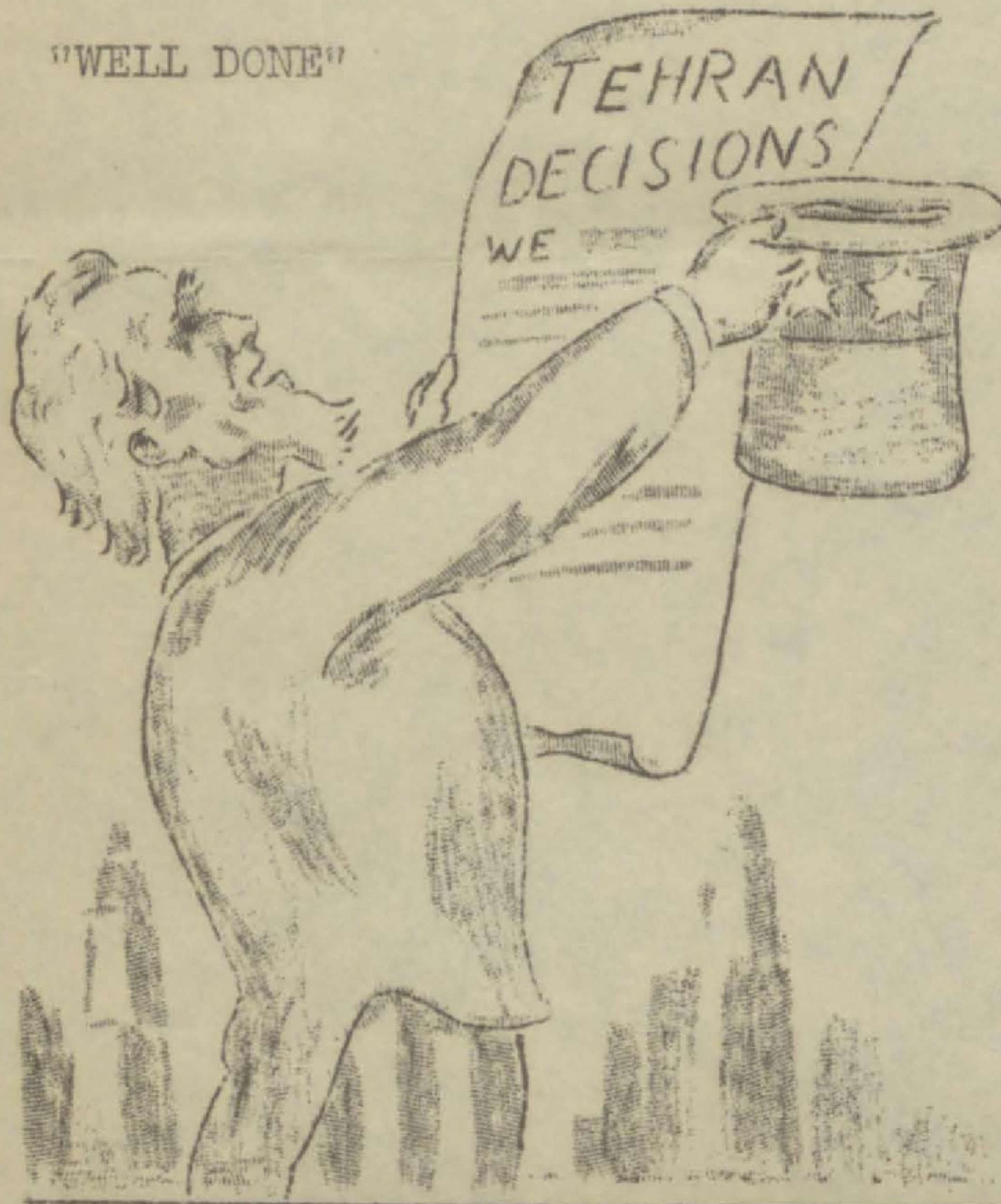
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"WELL DONE"



SAVE THE LAND

Soldiers now overseas, who hope to get themselves a little spread of reclaimed land after the war - had better watch out.

Quietly but insidiously the representatives of the land sharks, absentee landlords and corporation-farm interests have introduced a bill into the United States Congress to abolish that section of the National Reclamation Act prohibiting the holding of more than 160 acres of Reclamation land by any one individual.

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HITLER'S HELPERS

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the talented Reg Manning of the Phoenix Republic devotes his editorial cartoon to fighting his private war with Russia. To Manning, as to the artists of the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, we Americans are really in the wrong war. He portrays Russia, "the bear that walks like a man", never as our loyal ally, fighting bloody battles that have saved millions of American lives, but as a shrewd and treacherous threat to our security.

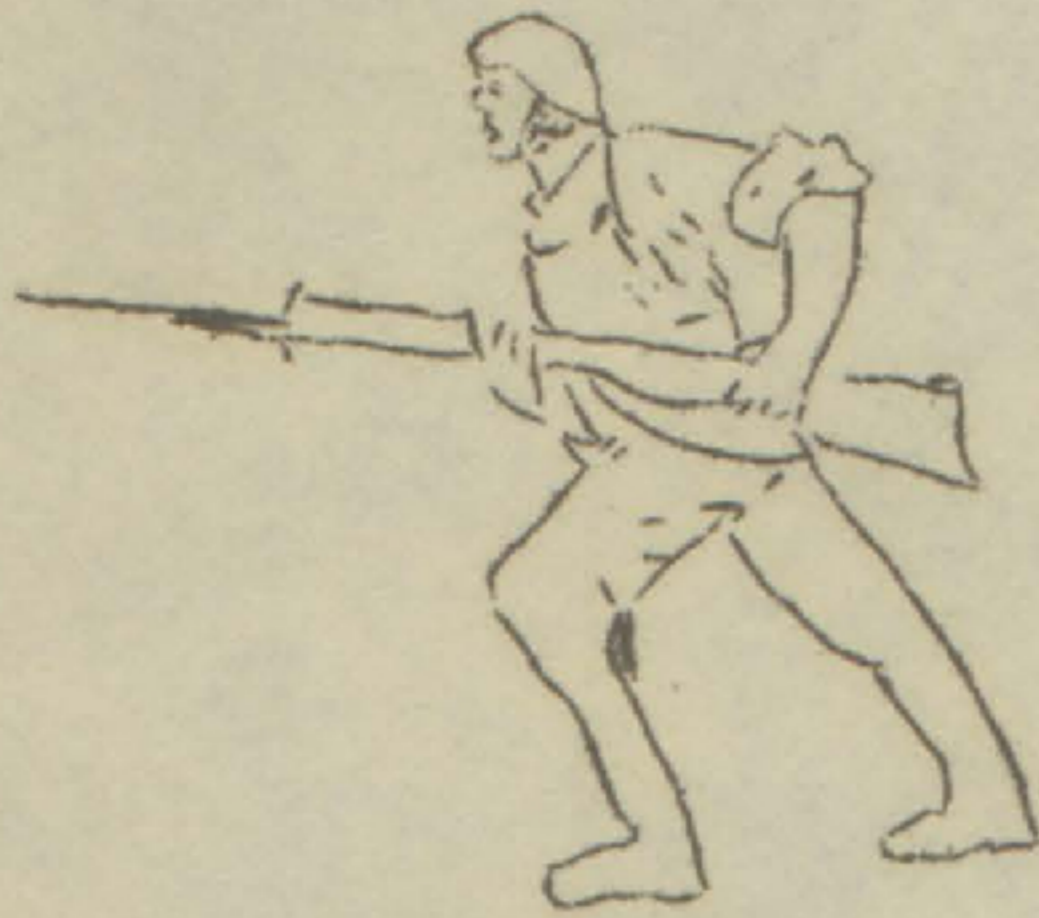
In a memorable recent cartoon, the United States and Britain are shown at one side of a table playing cards with the Russian bear. We are playing according to Hoyle, which is here the Tri-Power pact at Teheran. But Russia is cheating, with two handfuls of cards.

UNITY AT TEHERAN

So many are the audacities and near-treacheries committed in this sketch that it is hard to know where to begin exposing them.

In the first place, it would be well for everyone to read and study the historic decisions of Moscow and Teheran. These pacts established unity of action and purpose between the three great allies. Such unity is hardly helped by Manning's sniping and his efforts to create distrust of our most important ally. This sort of work keeps Hitler in the war and encourages him to believe that it will still be pos-

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This section was put into the National Reclamation Act to protect our natural resources from monopoly.

While the minds of the people are on the winning of the war these selfish interests hope to pull a fast one.

The abrogation of this section of the Reclamation Act would be a severe blow to the future of our state.. Who will get to use the hundreds of thousand of acres of new land that will come under irrigation as a result of the Colorado River Compact and Contract is of great importance.

Write Arizona's Congressional delegation to vote against this attempted steal.

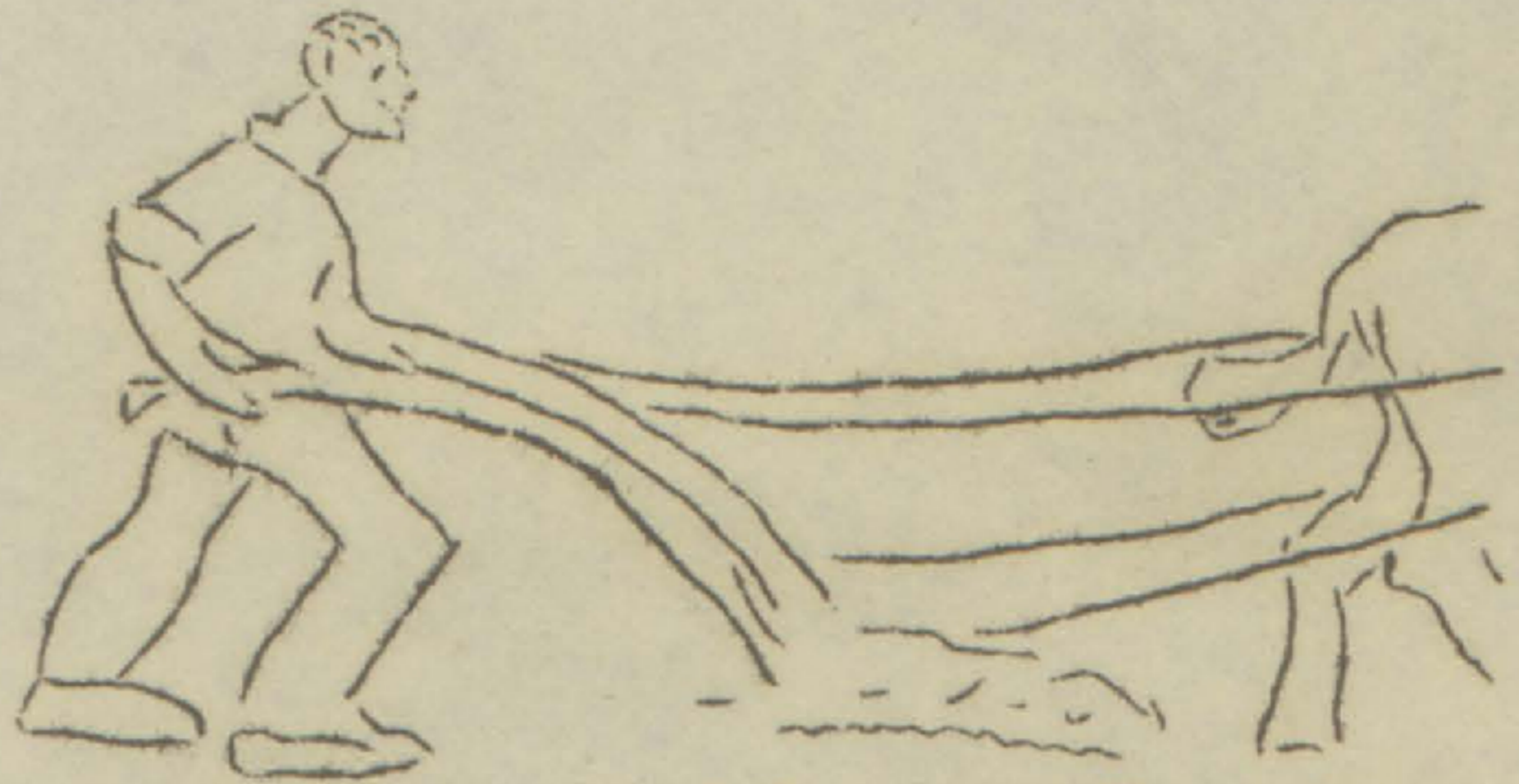
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sible to get out of the war with a whole skin. Thus American lives are now being sacrificed because of this kind of sabotage of United Nations unity.

These agreements called for, first, joint military action to win the unconditional surrender of Germany. In this regard none, not even Manning, can belittle the Russian contribution. Further, the powers upheld the principle of freedom for all nations to control their own internal affairs. Secondly, Tehran laid a basis for durable peace for generations to come.

President Roosevelt's Message to Congress on the State of the Nation, on January 11, advances the program carrying out these two basic propositions upon
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DUSTOFF VETS LAND LAW

While in Congress an attempt is being made to keep the people from benefiting from the great post-war reclamation projects, in Arizona their collaborators are at work on this end.

The opportunist, Joe Conway, spearheads the way. He hopes to confuse the people sufficiently to defeat their own interest and at the same time make a soft job for Jumping Joe in Washington.

Governor Osborn was able to get the Legislature to ratify the Colorado River Compact and Interior Dep't contract. An abundance of water is NOW available to Arizona. The prospects opened to the state and would-be settlers on the land are bright.

It is not very well, known, but there is in the Arizona law plenty of authority to realize these bright prospects.

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which Teheran and America's national interest rest.

While Manning wracks his brain for ways to create distrust and undermine the gains made at Teheran, the Allies busily prepare for the overdue Second Front; the Russians destroy Nazis in the scores of thousands, and also hand us a remarkable victory in forcing Japan to return Sakhalin oil and coal fields, and stay out of Alaskan waters. Our Chinese ally is fighting on land, for the first time, alongside American troops under Gen. Stilwell. Unity is the program today -- but not for the likes of Reg Manning.

A CLEANING IN ORDER

The two Special Sessions of the Arizona Legislature that met the early part of this year passed certain legislation that was beneficial to the people. In order to evaluate our Legislature correctly, however, we have to look below the surface.

Everyone knows that the majority of the Legislature does not represent the people. They know that the legislators passed the progressive legislation they did because of insistence on the part of the people.

Still, the voice of the people was not strong enough to make the Legislature appropriate money for a survey by the Federal Power Commission of the exorbitant utility rates in Arizona.

FAST ONE ON OLDSTERS.

The Legislature pulled what it thought was a clever maneuver when it placed the \$50 pension increase on the November ballot. With two pension measures on the ballot, the large corporate tax-dodgers hope that the pro-pension vote will be so split that elder citizens will get NOTHING. Meantime, because of this "cleverness" the old folks, in the face of rising living costs, will have to "go begging".

The demand of labor for the polls to be kept open longer on election day, so war workers could vote, was ignored. The need for increased pay for legislators so that workers and working farmers could run for these important offices, was also turned down by the Legislature.

NEW FACES NEEDED

It is clear to all that many new faces are needed in the Legislature, particularly, such as the suave gentleman from Maricopa County, James Minotto.

To make the voice of the people strong enough so that ALL its demands are met, requires unity of labor, working farmers and patriotic businessmen for political action.

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 read- #
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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

VETS LAND LAW (cont. from page 2)

One such provision authorizes the state to deal with the Federal Government to acquire land and water rights for the settlement of soldiers, sailors and others participating in America's wars (Land Settlement Act, Ch. 11, Public Lands, Article 15, '39).

The Ninth Session of the Legislature deleted that part of the law giving other deserving citizens, besides veterans, the right to acquire lands. There will be plenty of land for all and it is entirely unnecessary to exclude our loyal war workers, agricultural workers etc. from good land for homes. This deletion needs restoration.

CLOSE SALES OF STATE LAND

The time for planning for the post-war period is right now. All state lands that may come under the reclamation program must be taken off the market now so that land sharks and speculators will not be able to beat our returning vets out of their rightful heritage.

The \$300,000 Arizona gets each year under the Boulder Dam Act should be earmarked for helping settle farm families on the land.

Arizona stands on the threshold of a period of jobs, well-being and prosperity after the war--if we play our cards right.

ROOSEVELT NEEDED

The overwhelming majority of the American people want President Roosevelt re-elected for a fourth term. They see in this a guarantee that the promise of the Big Three at Teheran will be carried out. We must not be lulled to sleep, however, by the comforting feeling that Roosevelt's re-election is "in the bag".

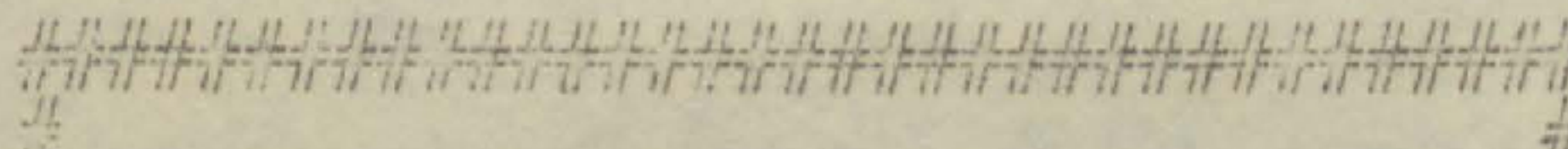
Here in Arizona, on the 25th of March, an example of the power of the anti-Roosevelt forces was shown when the State Democratic Party Convention failed to endorse Roosevelt for a fourth term and sent the delegates to the National Convention uninstructed.

Within the Democratic Party, the anti-Teheran forces are strong and wily. They hope to prevent Roosevelt's nomination at the National Convention. Here in Arizona, they are represented by the Joneses, Minottoes and Coxons; nationally, by the Wheelers, Rankins, Dieses and Farleys.

DRAFT ROOSEVELT

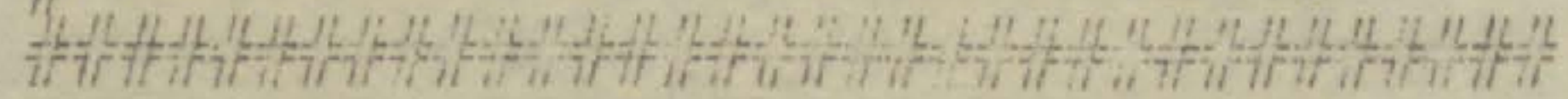
The pro-Roosevelt Arizona Democrats can still do a great deal to assure Roosevelt's nomination by contacting and writing the delegates to the National Convention to support FDR.

The various civic, labor and other win-the-war organizations can help too if they will pass resolutions urging Roosevelt to run for re-election and sending these directly to the White House.



RANKIN BLOCKS G.I. BILL

The opposition of Congressman Rankin to certain important sections of the G.I. Bill to aid veterans of this war, again demonstrates that such fascists are not only opposed to Negroes and Jews whom Rankin attacks in the halls of Congress, but to the interests of all Americans.



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AID SOLDIER'S VOTE

Will Arizona's Servicemen and women vote this year? Or will they come home to a country led by a government they had no part in choosing?

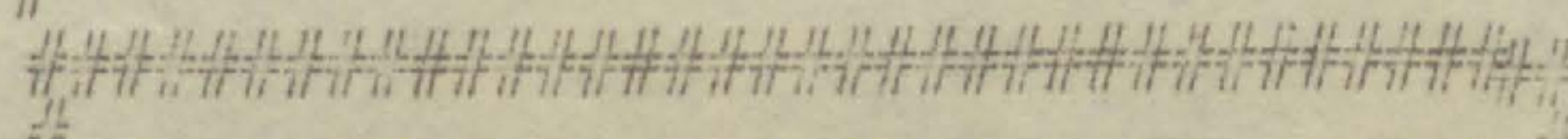
On March 30th, President Roosevelt announced he was letting the so-called service vote bill become law without his signature.

In a previous message, however, he had described the measure then passed by the House as a fraud which did not provide the soldiers with a vote, but DEPRIVED them of the vote. Clearly, the majority of Congress (Republicans and Poll-Tax Democrats) was willing to deprive the soldiers of the vote in order to keep them from helping to re-elect the President and continue his policies into the post-war period.

The existing law is not much better, since soldiers must still apply to their states for ballots. The Arizona measure is OK, but clearly, even in the best of state set-ups, most servicemen will not be able to vote.

The President's suggestion, therefore, that the law be amended so that soldiers who have not received a state ballot by some date in September could get a federal ballot, is very important.

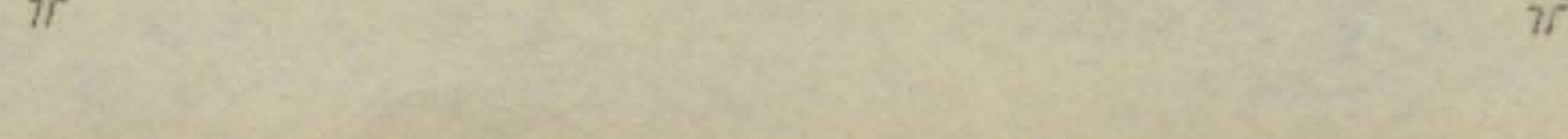
Senators Green and Lucas have introduced such amendments. Arizona's Washington delegation has a clean record on this question. Let's get behind them and push the amendment to let our warriors vote!



COMMUNIST LEADER KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Henry G. (Hank) Forbes, Communist Party leader, was killed in action Feb. 16 in Italy on the Anzio front.

The former district organizer for Western Pennsylvania and long-time New York state Communist leader was the first outstanding Communist official to give his life on the battlefield in this war.



PROGRESS IN PHOENIX

In the recent Phoenix city elections, Karl Wilson, candidate on the National Unity Ticket, received 12% of the votes cast.

Morris Graham and Lou Korobkin, Communist secretaries, running mates of Wilson, polled 6% of the vote. This was four times more votes than Graham received in 1942.

This vote was cast despite the fact that local newspapers repeatedly identified Graham and Korobkin as Communist secretaries although the elections were non-partisan.

The opposition cut the vote by the propaganda that votes for the National Unity Ticket were "thrown away because these candidates didn't have a chance".

The secret of the substantial vote for the National Unity Ticket was in its program based on the city's war needs. Under the slogan of "Gear Phoenix to the Attack", it included better housing, improved transportation and health facilities, establishment of child care centers, combatting juvenile delinquency, extended participation in civilian war services and improved race relations.

The vote for the National Unity Ticket shows that people are increasingly voting for program - not labels, and that the pro-war forces of our country can give leadership to the people if they will aggressively go to the people with their program. The vote shows the way for united political action by labor, farmers and patriotic businessmen.

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SECRET OF SOVIET STRENGTH -
by the Dean of Canterbury - 35¢

"FREEDOM OF THE PEEES"

As the crowds piled off the bus at the depot that Wednesday morning, the popular newsie was waving a small sheet of paper crying, "Get all the news in the Peewee Republic!" People laughed, and bought as many copies as ever. Some carried their copies into the restaurants with them to read over their morning coffee, and found they had just about as much real news as they ever got in the full-size Republic, but the general reaction was one of amusement, not "consternation" as the papers later claimed.

But even in the Peewee form, the Republic couldn't resist blaming the U.S. Government for its own bad management. It charges the government invites waste by permitting the publication of handbills and small newspapers. The Republic is in favor of freedom of the press - for itself. But it would stifle your freedom, so that it could continue to peddle wasteful advertising. It would stifle such win-the-war papers as "Home Front". That, apparently, is what the Republic means by "free enterprise".

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Cong. Harless is to be commended for introducing legislation repealing provisions of Smith-Connelly Act which forbids labor unions from contributing to federal election campaigns.

Harless apparently has learned a lot since he voted for the Smith-Connelly Act last year. Since then he has upheld the President on subsidies, taxes and soldiers vote. If he hopes to get to Washington next year his best chances are to continue to support our Commander-in-Chief.

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The bill introduced by Congressman Peterson, Democrat, Florida, to make available for public purchase now and acquisition later by veterans certain 160 acre land tracts in the Boulder Canyon project area of Arizona is to be hailed and supported.

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We all welcome President Roosevelt's request for appropriations in the 1945 national budget to irrigate Arizona Indian lands. Such acts make our Indian youth in the armed forces feel this People's War is theirs too.

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If anyone is still in doubt about this war being fundamentally a People's War, he needs only read the historic democratic decision handed down a few weeks ago by the Non-Ferrous Metal Commission abolishing the discriminatory "Mexican Wage" in Arizona mines. This was a United Nations Victory. Congratulations are due the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers(CIO) for its successful patriotic fight against the "Mexican Wage".

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That the Hooverites still control the Republican Party lock, stock and barrel again is proven when the Arizona Republicans the other day reelected Clarence E. Kelland national committeeman.

The Supreme Court decision outlawing the Texas white primary is a great democratic act that will strengthen the unity of the people in the anti-Axis war even if it displeases a small clique of poll tax orators.

Congratulations are due to all those who waged this fight to a successful conclusion, particularly to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The decision, if carried into effect, demolishes one of the twin devices used in southern states to deprive Negroes and large sections of economically depressed whites of the franchise.

There still remains the second evil, the poll tax, which denies the right to vote to millions of Negroes and whites in eight states.

The Supreme Court decision should spur the fight for passage of the anti-poll tax bill, HR 7, which is before the U.S. Senate now.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS -

"Recently I had the opportunity of reading a copy of the Home Front,....I enjoyed reading the material included."

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"Thanks for your interesting paper, Home Front...."

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"While I am not a Communist, I enjoy reading your paper..."

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"I agree with your paper that the unity of all our people is most important today...Please use the enclosed contribution to enlarge your paper..."

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