

agriculture by the factory in the field is inevitable, and must be accepted by the U.S. Government because the U.S. Government should not go on subsidizing the inefficient family farmer. No study that I know of has ever been made which proves that giant corporations are more efficient than the family farm. The Washington office of the Farmers Union recently completed a study which indicates that family farms generally are more efficient. If the big 250,000-acre farm is the answer to low cost food production, then why has Russia moved away from it so quickly?

It is not surprising that big nonfarm corporations are trying to take over farming. A recent report shows the Nation's big companies will have \$28 billion in undistributed profits this year to invest somewhere.

A lot of this money is taken out of the hide of farmers hit by constant increases in prices of farm machinery, trucks, seed, tools, and other production items. It is a slap in the face to have these corporations, that are making so much money off of farmers, to come back to try to buy them out and undermine their communities.

The way these big companies are taking over agriculture, even in States with a strong family tradition, has been widely reported in the newspapers in the last few months.

I'm sure most of you have heard about the front page story in the Wall Street Journal some time ago that told how fast these big corporations are moving into farming.

The story said there's little chance the trend to corporation farming can be stopped. It said economists foresee the day when family farms will face extinction and corporations will mass produce the Nation's food as efficiently and impersonally as they now produce its vacuum cleaners.

This story says nothing, of course, about what will happen to farm co-ops and Main Street businesses when the big corporations—with their direct buying of everything from fertilizer to irrigation pumps—take over. It doesn't say anything, either, about what will happen to all the farm people pushed off the land.

The Wall Street Journal, as you know, is recognized as the voice of big business in this country. You can be sure it knows what it is talking about when it says family farming is "out" and corporation farming is "in."

It is no surprise, then, that all this talk about big corporations moving into agriculture is viewed with alarm by farm people across the country, and I'll add also some nonfarm people in this country.

They look at CBK, Inc., of Kansas City, which has been phasing out of the garment-making and the asphalt business so it can put its money into a huge grain farming operation stretching from Texas to the Canadian border.

This giant already has 10,000 acres, part of it irrigated and all of it in southern Texas, plus another 1,500 that gives it a foothold in Missouri. It has announced that it will have 80,000 acres in soybeans and feed grains within 5 years.

They look at the H. J. Heinz Co., which is growing potatoes in Idaho, Michigan, and several other parts of the country.

This huge food processor recently started a 9,000-acre potato operation in eastern Oregon, using water pumped from the Snake River.