

SENIOR CITIZENS
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Apparently in anticipation of the reappearance of Medicare as a political issue, there has been organized in Florida (and with a Fifth Avenue, New York office address) a new group called The United Senior Citizens (U.S.A.), Inc. In contrast to the Administration's hastily organized Senior Citizens Councils prior to the big push last year for Medicare and King-Anderson, the new club, which disclaims affiliation "with any organization, medical, dental, political, or other," is against government-sponsored medical care, especially by way of Social Security.

A booklet circularized by this new group of senior citizens has as its main theme that the government's proposal for Medicare, financed through Social Security, is a political move that attempts to legalize the extraction of a huge sum of money from the solvent workers of this country, to pay the medical bills of an entirely different group. The booklet argues that no matter how altruistic-sounding the motives, the taking of money at the point of a gun, (or in the case of the government, on the threat of a penalty for tax evasion) can be classed in no other term except "stealing." The United Senior Citizens feel that the man who robs a grocery store to feed his starving family is still guilty of a crime in the eyes of the law, and that stealing is just as reprehensible a crime when it is done by a government as it is when done by a private individual.