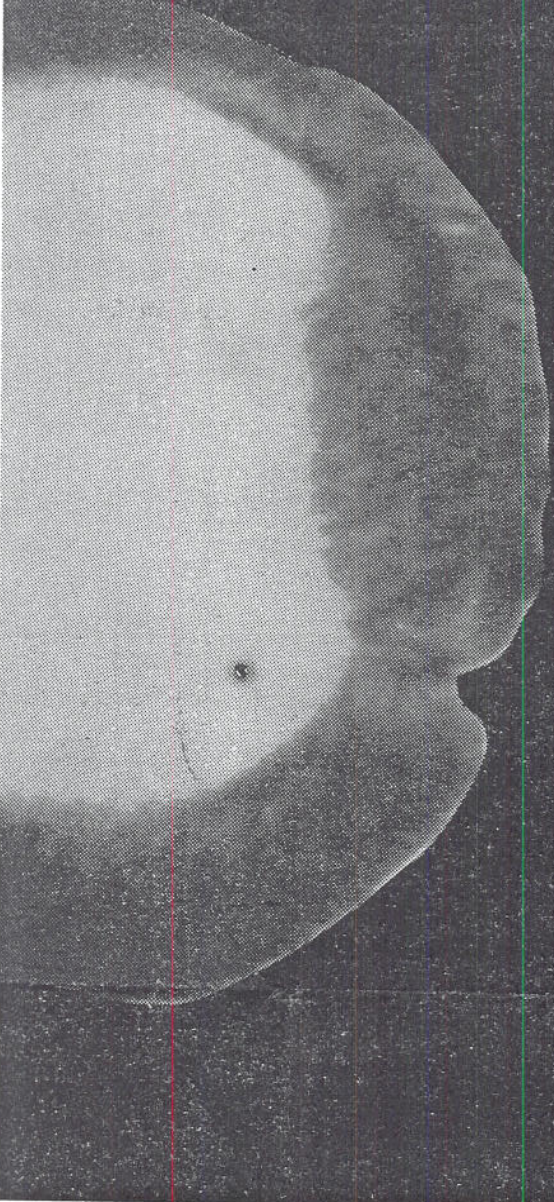


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As a fighter:

From the outset of his career as a public servant, Jim has never hesitated to take a strong stand on principle, particularly with regard to the importance of bringing truth to the public. In some instances, the forces which he had to fight were considerably more powerful than he was. He suffered the consequence—as did his family—yet he still continued to fight to bring out the truth. His primary reason for writing *A Heritage of Stone* was to make it possible for the American people to learn what was being hidden from them by the federal government.

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