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A PLEASANT DREAM

Many Europeans have the idea that every American is a millionaire.

Apparently the do-gooders attempting to steer the course of our national administration believe we should all live like millionaires; that this desirable condition is not only a possibility but should be the objective of government. So by insisting that our national economy can be lifted by its own bootstraps, they propose division of the wealth through socialization until everyone is in the millionaire class.

It's a pleasant dream—but someday we must wake up. The U. S. Senate proposes to tax national wealth for about \$19 billion to be used for slum clearance and housing subsidies for low-income groups. News reports from the national capital now announce proposed legislation for housing aid to middle-income families with annual earnings of from \$2,500 to \$4,000—the "neglected group" representing about 30 per cent of the national population.

How long will it be before we must provide social subsidies for people in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year group? If one income class is entitled to aid isn't it only morally right that equal paternal treatment should be given everyone? Where are we to draw the line? Who is to determine where benefits shall cease? How long can we afford to play Santa Claus?

Recently we talked to a very dissatisfied young man. He was earning good wages—had, in fact, a job which paid better than average compensation. He had contracted to purchase an expensive home. He had bought furnishings in keeping with his home. His automobile was one of the higher priced models. He was very unhappy because his earnings were insufficient to support all this style. He blamed the government for high prices. He condemned labor unions because his wages weren't boosted to cover his expenses. He criticized his employers and his fellow workers. Because of his unhappiness his work suffered and he lost his job, his home, his furniture and his car. He left town very embittered with the world in general.

If this were an isolated case it needn't be taken seriously, but there are too many like it. Many people have the idea today that they should live in the upper brackets regardless of what they earn. And our do-gooder political leadership is promoting this theory for political purposes.

Only a few years ago our government encouraged thrift and energy. It was no disgrace to live within one's means, even if the style was substandard. A man was measured by his willingness to work and to learn, his ambition and his effort. Too many people today want to start at the top of the ladder instead of the bottom. And a socialistically-minded administration is lending encouragement to this impossible theory.

There can be no quarrel with charitable aid for the underprivileged, the aged, the crippled and handicapped. But a policy of forcibly taking wealth from one group of people to aid another group as a class, rather than as individuals actually deserving of charity, can have only one end. Eventually it reduces economy to a common level and then gradually reduces the uniform level to a bare existence state.

People who receive the benefits from expropriated wealth naturally are willing to accept all they can get. Then they become more and more demanding. Gradually more people want to become beneficiaries, just as it is now proposed to include another income group in the federal housing aid program. If the politicians after once embarking on the socialized path ever attempt to turn back, or refuse to keep adding benefits, or admitting more people as recipients of patronage, they are promptly dismissed from office in favor of demagogues willing to win election by acting as stooges for the malcontents.

The road to the socialized welfare state is inviting but it is a dangerous road from which it becomes increasingly difficult to turn back.

Foreign Birth Of F. D. Roosevelt Jr. Revives An Old Legal Question

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The election of Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. to Congress by a whoping margin promptly stirred talk that he might some day try to follow in his father's footsteps by seeking the presidency.

There was a quick rejoinder. It was said the Constitution bars him from that office because he was born on foreign soil, at his family's summer place on an island off the coast of Canada.

Now no one knows, of course, whether young Roosevelt would ever get a crack at the Presidency or whether he would want it. But reporters fishing in Supreme Court files have raised doubts that he or anyone in similar circumstances would necessarily be barred.

Let's see first what the Constitution says. To be eligible for the Presidency, a person must be at least 35 years of age, must have lived in this country 14 years or more and must be a "natural born citizen."

It does not explain what "natural born" means. But the view has grown through the years that the term includes children of American parentage who are born on foreign soil.

The Supreme Court never has expressed itself on the issue as it relates to the Presidency. In 1898, however, Justice Horace Gray handed down a decision noting that three distinct nationality laws declare that foreign-born children of U. S. parents "shall be considered as natural born children."

And court attaches refer point-

Ever Since He Came To Work For Us



Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

For years two little newspaper cartoons had a place on Mrs. Algernon Bitwuns' desk. One was a sketch of a mule hitched to a cart, a mule kicking high in the air, getting plenty of exercise but accomplishing nothing. Below was the caption: "A Kicking Mule is Not a Pulling One."

Mrs. Bitwuns laughed, delighted with the humor, then an idea struck her. To be sure her 'kicking' at the moment was entirely mental but wasn't there a similarity? She was, it seemed, 'all burnt up' over the unintentional cruelty—she was positive it was unintentional—in a large advertisement. The theme was used by the advertiser, an insurance company of prestige, to illustrate a point in the need of insurance. But to any handicapped boy, like the one in the picture, the theme also suggested a thought that seemed cruel.

She decided to stop her mental 'kicking' and write a letter. Earnestly, courteously, she spoke her mind. Then forgot it. In a few days there came a reply from the president of the company in which he thanked Mrs. Bitwuns for her suggestion; said the advertisement had been withdrawn from several publications, all that could be reached in time.

Contrary to popular opinion the VS is not responsible for all the volunteers in the Red Cross organization. The million or more who serve as chapter executives, first aid, water safety and home nursing instructors, board members and in a variety of other ways do not come under its jurisdiction.

Red Cross Program Aiding Veteran Patients Drawing Many Volunteers

By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON—From calling square dances to teaching mathematics, men volunteers are assisting in increasing numbers in the Red Cross program for veteran patients throughout the country. National headquarters of the Red Cross reports that 1,050 men ranging in age from 18 to 80—college students, retired bank presidents, a chemist, a researcher, a truck driver, a broker, a dairyman—are volunteering their spare time to the program.

About two-thirds of the men volunteers are themselves veterans, including one, a chess teacher, from the Spanish-American war. The largest number volunteer as teachers, entertainers, leaders of hobby clubs and movie projectionists. Other services given by the men include ward visiting, staging parties, escorting visitors, pushing wheel chair patients to hospital activities, driving, leading sports events, story-telling and acting as pin boys for patients' bowling teams.

Mrs. Joe Hume Gardner, national administrator of the Red Cross Volunteer Services (VS), says that most of the men volunteered their services because of a "feeling of being needed." Second reason most often given was a desire to do something constructive for veterans and to add some new interest or recreation for the patient's enjoyment.

Mrs. Gardner, who lives at "Cab-in Branch Farm" in nearby Conde, Va., and has devoted full time to her volunteer job since 1945, says that more than 400 Red Cross Chapters are now providing men and women volunteers for Veterans' Administration hospitals and domiciliary homes.

Working through the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service plan, the Red Cross is joined with approximately 300 other organizations to provide supplementary assistance to the VA staff, which is charged by law with the responsibility of giving ill and injured veterans "medical service second to none."

Health Insurance Due For Attack At AMA Meet

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 6.—(AP)—Lambasting of President Truman's call for compulsory health insurance was high on the program today at the opening of the annual meeting of the American Medical Association.

The world's largest organization of doctors announced it would hear some 300 reports on medical and surgical advances, but pointed out in its statement that its policy-making house of delegates would:

Consider many problems, including such matters as education of the American public against the dangers of compulsory sickness insurance.

The association, which represents organized medicine in the nation, has called for an assessment of \$25 from each of its members for what it terms an "educational" campaign.

PLUCKY BOY LOSES
VERNON, Tex., June 6.—(AP)—Donnie Woodward died today. The plucky 10-year-old farm lad, who had amazed doctors by surviving horrible burns, succumbed this morning.

The young son of tenant farmer had been hovering between life and death since May 10, when 70 percent of his body burned.

Weekend Violent Deaths Total 12 In Washington

(By the Associated Press)

Washington State counted at least 12 violent deaths this weekend—seven by drowning, three by fire, one traffic, and one in a railway accident.

Elbert (Dick) Hardison died yesterday in a Tacoma hospital, the third victim of a fire which destroyed his home in Roy Friday night. His wife Elizabeth and their two-and-a-half-year-old son, Wesley, died earlier.

Of the seven drownings, three were in the Spokane area.

Mrs. Jerry Lee Call, 24-year-old Spokane waitress, perished in the Spokane river yesterday near a picnic grounds nine miles north of the city. After three attempts, firemen recovered the body of Mrs. Anna Berg, 65, from the Spokane river yesterday. Walter Relf, 42-year-old Adams County highway employee, drowned in Deer Lake, west of Spokane, Saturday when the boat from which he was fishing capsized.

Three others occurred in lakes in and around Seattle.

Delbert Hicks, 16, of Seattle, sank near the end of a diving float at Angle Lake, just outside the city. Thrown into the water when his rowboat overturned, James J. McArthur, 70, of Seattle, died on a fishing trip at Lake Desire, near Renton. Dragging crews grappled yesterday afternoon after searching the waters for nearly 24 hours.

The seventh drowning victim was Philip W. Brackett, 33, of Cascade Rock, who died while attempting to rescue 10-year-old Virginia Pauley of Longview from the Toutle river. Bystanders pulled the girl to safety.

The only reported highway fatality was marked up yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Esther Caine, 35, of route 2, Wenatchee died of injuries suffered in an accident near the Chelan Junction. The state patrol today continued an investigation of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death. Officers said she was found injured beside the road after what appeared to be a tumble from a moving car.

92-Year-Old Is First To Join New Society

MEDFORD, June 6.—(AP)—J. B. Russell is 92, but it hasn't lessened his interest in life.

The elderly man, now a resident of Yreka, Calif., was one of the first applicants to join the newly-formed Southern Oregon Historical Society.

Russell in 1883 laid the foundation of the Historic Jackson County Courthouse, which will be used by the society as a museum.

FIRE DAMAGES ARENA

NEW YORK, June 6.—(AP)—Sixty firefighters were treated for smoke inhalation or minor injuries early today in a four-alarm Manhattan fire.

The blaze caused extensive damage to a 50-year-old building housing St. Nicholas Arena and a ballroom.

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Twin Engined Transport Explodes Over China

CANTON, June 6.—(AP)—A twin-engined C-46 transport, reportedly loaded with silver, exploded on a flight from Canton to Chungking, advises reaching here said Saturday. Presumably all its crew was killed.

The plane took off from Canton Thursday for the flight to the Western China city which has been mentioned as the possible Nationalist capital should the government flee Canton in the

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