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Chapter Of Oregon Assn. Aim Of Movement Begun By Physicians, Laymen

"One out of every 10 persons in the nation has some form of mental or emotional maladjustment," reads an excerpt from a U.S. Public Health service bulletin.

With this thought in mind, the Mental Health association of Ore-



**LAUNCH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM HERE**—Melvin L. Murphy, executive director, Mental Health association, above left, was here from Portland Monday night, to help launch a local chapter of the organization in Douglas County. A group of local doctors, teachers, ministers and public spirited citizens met at the Veterans hospital recreation hall to hear Murphy describe the program and to discuss local problems, arising from mental conditions due to environment or other causes. Pictured above, besides Murphy, is Dr. E. J. Wainscott, county health officer and Dr. John L. Haskins, Veterans hospital manager. Wainscott heads the committee to draft a charter for the newly-formed local group, while Haskins was acting chairman at the meeting Monday night. (Staff photo)

## Atom Bomb Not Absolute Weapon, Authority Says

(By The Associated Press)

Latest developments on the atomic bomb front:

1. In Cambridge, Mass., Dr. Vannevar Bush, a leading authority on atomic energy, said the A-bomb is "not an absolute weapon." He said the bomb is only "part of a vast and intricate armament, and much of the nature of that armament was spread out for all the world to see in the last war and is known to many technicians in Russia as elsewhere."

Bush, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, spoke at a convocation of students and faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He said there was no doubt Russia could build and is building a formidable machine, but he added:

"We can meet that threat if we are strong; we can, in fact, meet it without war, for those in the Kremlin recognize strength if they recognize nothing else."

2. Great Britain announced she has halted work on a large atomic pile because of the possibility of "developments in the near future." Some sources speculated that the British might be counting on a greater exchange of information with the United States

which might change the course of British atomic work.

3. Also in London, British Home Secretary J. Chuter Ede said people tend to overrate the atom bomb as a killer. He said a Royal air force raid on Hamburg, Germany, in 1943 killed more people than the Nagasaki A-bomb and did damage "equal to that from two atom bombs." He added that a well-trained civil defense corps can hold down the number of casualties even in an atom bombing.

## November City Claims Allowed

Claims against the city for the month of November were approved by the city council Monday night as follows:

Adair's Associated Parking Service, \$6.00; Roy Agee, \$40.32; California Oregon Power Co., \$83.19; California Oregon Power Co., \$83.17; City of Roseburg—street sinking fund, \$500.00; Cliff's Richfield Station, \$1.40; Coen Supply Co., \$106.30; Columbia Equipment Co., \$4.12; J. C. Compton Co., \$22.50; Deabins & Schafer, \$4,792.24; Douglas Abstract Co., \$14.48; Douglas County Farm Bureau, \$14.18; Douglas Supply Co., \$3.31; Jack Farias & Son, \$43.83; Big Feet, \$3.00; Firestone Stores, \$69.05; Goettsel, \$2.25; Ben B. Irving, \$60.00; Jovin Brake Supply,

\$5.00; Kier-Crook Plumbing Co., \$8.79; Kluge Hair Par-O-Meter Co., \$88.81; C. O. Martin, \$2.90; Miller, \$2.90; Nelson Equipment Co., \$117.00; Nelson Huser Co., \$17.00; Orchard Auto Parts Co., \$81.94; Oregon Nevada, Calif. Fast Freight, \$1.25; Pacific Tel. and Tel. Co., \$60.75; Phillip's Office Supply, \$153.74; Free Mix Concrete, Inc., \$25.40; Irv. Pugh, \$2.25; Pierce Auto Freight Lines, Inc., \$18.10; Railway Express Agency, \$2.90; Robertson Sheet Station, \$16.10; Robertson Sheet Station, \$2.40; Robertson Sheet Station, \$16.90; Roseburg Cafe, \$136.15; Roseburg Cigar Canteen, \$18.81; Roseburg Electric, \$1.00; Roseburg Lumber Co., \$14.00; Roseburg News-Review, \$70; Roseburg Printing Co., \$21.00; Roseburg Welding and Machine Works, \$1.35; Sun Printing Co., \$63.63; Roseburg Sand and Gravel Co., \$241.00; Roseburg Welding and Machine Works, \$1.35; Specialized Parts & Equipment, \$60; Trowbridge Electric Co., \$14.25; Umpqua Valley Hardware, \$13.88; United Petroleum Corp., \$33.50; U. S. Tire Stores, \$58.39; Utility Supply Co., \$110.90; Wharton Bros., \$13.15; Walbert Welding & Machine Works, \$31.50.

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Local Problems were brought to light by those who attended the meeting and possible solutions were advanced.

Mrs. Claude Baker, Douglas county welfare office director, indicated a mental hygiene organization such as described by Murphy might be particularly helpful in dealing with certain cases that come to the attention of the welfare department. She cited instances where the mental attitudes of children might be the result of parental delinquency.

Reverend Kenneth Knox, First Christian church, contended that divorce would be averted if couples availed themselves of the services of family relations authorities such as might be part of the Mental Health association. "A youngster's life is influenced by the first five years he lives with his parents," said Dr. E. J. Wainscott, county health officer, who saw the need for training of parents as would be provided by a mental hygiene society such as advanced by Murphy.

Dr. J. E. Campbell cited the case of a woman who had 17 subjective symptoms of illness—she asked if her pending divorce had anything to do with the symptoms. Dr. Campbell favored a mental hygiene association that would deal with similar types.

Al Knaus, Community hospital manager, warned that action on a local scale might prove disastrous. The only solution is state-wide adoption of any plans that might be set up by the organization to fight the causes of mental or emotional maladjustment.

After voting to work towards organizing a local branch of the association, Dr. John L. Haskins, Veterans hospital manager, who was acting chairman at the meeting, appointed a committee to draft a charter and another to solicit memberships.

The charter drafting committee, headed by Dr. Wainscott, is made up of Dr. Nels Lindell, Carl

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## American Public Remains Deaf To Warnings Against Socialism

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

There is no evidence the American people want socialism. Nor is there any convincing sign they believe the country is heading that way.

Indications are numerous that they do not take seriously repeated warning from many quarters that the all-powerful state is just around the corner. The recent New York senatorial election, in which big government was the issue, affords the latest example.

That election, in the view of seasoned observers, suggested strongly that there is little political capital in these warnings of a rush toward socialism. Earlier this year some conservatives in and out of the Republican Party seized upon the word "statism" to express what they deemed to be the philosophy of big government. But now the Gallup poll reports that more than two-thirds of the people have no idea what the term is supposed to mean.

The voting majority may or may not be right in choosing to ignore the alarms. After all, no one really knows where the nation is heading. And that is not a condition peculiar to our time, although admittedly trends may be more difficult to measure accurately in this confusing age.

But suppose there is real danger to freedom in the present course of government. How could the peril be made understandable to the people?

They have listened so long and so often to cries of doom that their resistance is high. Terms like "socialism," "regimentation," "dictatorship," "big government," and "statism" fall on deaf ears.

The latest to sound warning is James F. Byrnes, former secretary of state. For the second time this year he has spoken out in opposition to what he considers the ruinous trend of present-day government. Yet there is slim likelihood Byrnes will win many converts. Those who will hail his speech are those who agreed with him before he

made it.

Byrnes said some pretty strong things. Examples: "Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than of death. . . . Big government is more dangerous than big business. . . . but it is difficult to regulate big government."

Yet even at best his words have a too familiar ring. They carry an echo of speeches long dead and forgotten.

Imagine yourself possessed of the power to foresee the future and predict perhaps that we are indeed moving toward socialism. What could you say to the American people that might turn them into another path?

The evidence up to now leads one to believe that no words will do the trick. If the United States is really becoming socialist, it begins to appear that the people are unlikely to take note of the fact or do anything about it until they have suffered some specific loss of freedom. Some particular freedom, of course, that they cherish highly.

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may realize what is happening to them in time to cneoke off the further growth of centralized power. Always assuming, naturally, that they do not want socialism.

Meantime the warnings will go on—with about as much effect as follows from declarations in Moscow that the United States is bent upon war.



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