

Socialized Plan Of Medicine Gets Sharp Criticism

Stanley M. Richmond, Eugene physician, yesterday told a Roseburg chamber of commerce forum luncheon audience to "hold on to the present medical set-up and try to improve what we have" rather than initiate socialized medicine plans.

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Speaking in a slow Texas drawl, the Eugene physician refuted several arguments expounded by advocates of socialized medicine. He said declarations that a health emergency exists in this country are not true and is only a reflection of the current belief—a "crisis government."

Statistics and tables cited by proponents of socialized medicine are often falsified, the doctor said.

"So far, people have always had to die from something," Dr. Richmond said, "and the reason more people are struck by cancer and heart diseases is because medical science has advanced to the point where people reach a more advanced age and are more susceptible to these afflictions."

He ridiculed "idealistic, paper plans" for dealing with public problems because "unfortunately, when dealing with human nature and not with angels," he cited some laws of human nature, which included the idea that everybody wants something for nothing or for money or effort paid out.

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MARCH OF DIMES GIRL IN CLASS — Wanda Wiley, March of Dimes poster girl, points to the blackboard in class under teacher Mrs. Doris Dodge at Govalle School, Austin, Tex.

Jean Sutherland Active In Civic And Church Work

Funeral services were held at Long and Orr mortuary at 2 o'clock today for Mrs. A. G. (Jean Burnett) Sutherland, who died at the Roseburg sanitarium Jan. 13, following a long illness. She came to Oregon from Lansing, Mich., in 1896, and was married to Albert G. Sutherland in 1920. Mr. Sutherland died several years ago.

Mrs. Sutherland took an active part in the civic work of the auxiliary of Umpqua Chiefs and was active in Red Cross work for a number of years. She served as president of the Roseburg Woman's club, then known as the Mental Culture club, 1919-20, and also on the City library board as a trustee for several years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian church and president of the Woman's society of that church. Surviving are a nephew Gordon Burnett, employed with United Air Lines at San Carlos, Calif., and a niece, who resides in Arizona.

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Local News

Returns to Rochester—Wallace A. Rapp of Roseburg has returned to Rochester, Minn., to receive further medical treatment.

Returns Here — Mrs. Corbell has returned to her home in Roseburg from a visit in Grants Pass.

Mu Chapter to Meet—Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Mary Anna Peterson, 1026 Military street.

To Meet Wednesday — The Roseburg Art and Embroidery club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Erskine on Cobb street.

Move to Medford — Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crenshaw and children, Carol, Steve and Michael, have moved from Roseburg to Medford to make their home.

Returns Home — Mrs. Jessie Vinson has returned to her home in Roseburg, following a visit in Coos Bay with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Wilson.

P.N.G. Meeting Postponed—The Past Noble Grand's club meeting planned for Thursday night has been postponed indefinitely on account of weather conditions.

Jolly Circle Club—The Jolly Circle club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. Manning. All members are asked to be in attendance.

Friendly Hour Club — The Friendly Hour club will meet at a noon potluck luncheon Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Cecelia Kenyon. Members will spend the day completing a quilt.

Delphians to Meet—Alpha Chi chapter, Delphian society will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. C. S. Heinlein on Madrone avenue in Laurelwood with Mrs. William D. Green Jr., topic leader on the subject "Human Organism."

Zonta Club to Meet—Roseburg Zonta club will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Rita Barcus, 846 Cobb street. An American Exchange program will be featured. All members are asked to be present.

Club to Meet—The Garden Valley Women's club will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday, Jan. 19, at the clubhouse for a no-hostess affair. Mrs. George Langlois will act as chairman of decorations and refreshments.

Meeting Announced—Roseburg chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. has postponed installation of officers indefinitely. However, a business meeting will be held Jan. 20, at 2 o'clock p.m. at the armory.

Returns to Portland — Mrs. Leora Richards left Sunday for Portland after spending the last week at Winchester with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shoemaker, and grandson, John.

Spending Week in Grants Pass — Mrs. Oscar Powers has returned to her home in Grants Pass to spend a week, before returning here to be with her mother, Mrs. Hattie McAfee. While she is gone, Mrs. Eugene Little is staying with Mrs. McAfee.

In Hospital—Miss Carol Kimball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Kimball, who underwent an appendectomy at Mercy hospital Monday, is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

Auxiliary to Meet — American Legion auxiliary will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the Legion home at 118 S. Kane street. Members and those eligible to membership are invited.

Club to Meet—Calapoola Ladies club will meet at a noon potluck luncheon at the clubhouse Wednesday with Mrs. Grace Crouch, Mrs. Lucille Starr, Mrs. Hope Henry and Mrs. Doris Bacon, hostesses. New officers will be elected and Pollyanna names will be revealed.

Daughter is Born—A daughter, Mary Kathleen, weighing seven pounds, was born Sunday, Jan. 15, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Col. and Mrs. Terrence Fitzgerald. The baby was born on the birthday anniversary of her maternal grandfather, W. H. Carter, of Roseburg. Mrs. Fitzgerald is the former Thelma Carter of this city and before her marriage was employed as secretary at KRNR radio station. The Fitzgeralds have one other child, a son, who was born in Germany while Col. Fitzgerald was stationed there with the U.S. Occupational Forces.

Marriage Licenses Issued — KING-McLAUGHLIN — John Talmage King and Barbara Jane McLaughlin, both of Roseburg.

Prosecution in Bridges Trial Rests In 36th Day — SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The prosecution rested in the Harry Bridges perjury case Monday.

The move by the government was a distinct surprise. The trial of the CIO Longshore leader was in its 36th day.

The government had put a minor witness on the stand for a few minutes this morning. Then F. Joseph Donohue arose. "The government rests," he said.

Vincent Hallinan, chief of attorneys for Bridges, appeared incredulous. "What?" he exclaimed. "The government rests? You're not going to produce any more witnesses? No Rathborne? Nobody else?"

"The government rests," Donohue said quietly. The reference was to Mervyn Rathborne, former state CIO secretary and one time confidante of Bridges. Two women, Bridges' sympathizers, have been indicted on a charge they tried to persuade Rathborne to shape his testimony as they suggested.

Bridges, born in Australia, was indicted on a charge that when his naturalization hearing was held in 1945 he swore falsely that he had never been a Communist. Two other Longshore leaders, Henry Schmidt and J. R. Robertson, his witnesses at the citizenship hearing, are co-defendants, charged with conspiracy in the same connection.

Donohue, chief government prosecutor, produced numerous witnesses who testified they had been Communists and had seen Bridges at Communist gatherings.

The last government witness was Mrs. Georgina Vermillion, who testified as to naturalization records of Henry Schrimpf, a prosecution witness.

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Farm Production Holds But Prices, Income Decrease

What can farmers expect in 1950? In answer to that question, E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA committee, brought back from the National PMA conference held at Memphis, Tenn., this month, the following analysis presented by O. V. Wells, chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

"Farm production is holding at a high level. Food production for sale or home use is again 35 percent above the pre-war, or 1935-39 level this year and, with average yields, the over-all volume is not likely to be much different in 1950. Wheat production was 50 percent over the pre-war level.

"Farm prices and incomes are drifting downward. Farm prices so far this fall have been running about 12 percent under a year ago and 22 percent under the peak recorded in January 1948. Prices paid are another story, running only about 3 percent under a year ago, about 4 percent under January 1948. Let's say it another way. Prices received by farmers have been declining about 4 times as fast a rate as prices paid with most of the decline in prices paid or in farm costs tracing back through declines which farmers themselves must absorb in prices paid to purchase feed and food.

"The result of these differential movements in prices received by farmers versus prices paid for goods used in farm family living and production are easily understandable. First, the net income of farm operators is declining more than farm prices, despite high level production, and, second, support prices and other farm program devices are becoming increasingly important.

"Some simple statistics may illuminate these items: The net realized income of farm operators for this calendar year is now estimated as not much over 14 billion dollars as compared with 18 billion dollars in 1947, the record year, and there are some indications that farm operators' net realized income may be as low as 12 billion dollars next year, or down one-third from 1947."

FRIENDS IN NEED — EKLKHART, Ill. —(AP)—Luck for Maurice Tierney took a brighter turn when fellow workers got together to help him remodel his house. Tierney has had misfortune dogging his steps ever since he fractured an ankle at the start of the project last March. Since then he has had appendicitis, and later a dislocated shoulder.

MILK CONTAINERS USE — WASHINGTON, (AP)—Here's a use for empty milk cartons at last. American Forest Products Industries, Inc., reports in its "Forestry Digest" magazine that a mechanic for the California State Division of Forestry uses them for emergency flares.

The mechanic, Harry Ramsden, says they will burn about 20 minutes, long enough to change a tire.



REPORTS FOR DUTY—Pvt. Paul Ronald Holteen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clell Holteen, Winston, has reported to Lackland AFB to begin the AF basic airman indoctrination course. Lackland, situated near San Antonio, the world's largest air force base, is the indoctrination station for prior service enlistees and home of the AF's officer candidate school. Holteen will have 13 weeks of basic training to prepare him for entrance into Air Force technical training.

PROCESS BUFFALO MEAT — SYDNEY, Australia. —(AP)—A buffalo meat processing plant will shortly be established in Northern Australia. About 17,000 head of buffalo are shot each year in the area between Darwin and the Alligator river, 150 miles eastwards. Hunters take only the hides, leaving carcasses to rot. The company intends to process the buffalo carcasses into bone meal, mealmeal, and fertilizers.

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Proposed Rules Change Threatens Truman Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Truman reportedly has urged legislative leaders to oppose vigorously a proposed change in the House rules which threatens his "fair deal" program.

These reports came after the president's usual Monday meeting with Democratic congressional leaders.

House Speaker Rayburn was reported to have told Mr. Truman that the coming House vote on a proposal to restore a life and death grip on legislation to the House rules committee may be extremely close.

The committee has approved a resolution to scuttle the present rule under which a standing committee chairman— if recognized by the speaker—can call up for House action a bill which has been before the rules group for 21 days.

Mr. Truman was said to regard this proposal as a severe threat to enactment of some of his "fair deal" measures which are opposed by Southern Democrats and Republicans.

Some administration leaders said they must have White House help in their fight to prevent the rules change.

Defense Rests In Alger Hiss Trial

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The defense rested Monday in the second perjury trial of Alger Hiss, former high state department official.

Claude B. Cross, Hiss' counsel, announced "the defense has concluded its evidence" after its 54th witness had been excused.

The trial began Nov. 17 before Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard and a jury of eight women and four men. Monday was the

38th court day. The prosecution announced that it would introduce rebuttal testimony. Earlier a defense psychologist changed his mind and said Whitaker Chambers' statement that he considered himself a better Communist than Josef Stalin did not prove anything about Chambers' mental state. The witness was Dr. Henry A. Murray of Harvard university, who testified last week that Chambers' remark about himself in relation to Stalin was evidence of "grandiose ideas." The trial is expected to go to a federal court jury this week.

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