

New Zealand Medical Plan Suggests, Report

CHICAGO (AP)—A regular correspondent of the Journal of the American Medical Association contends that New Zealand's "social security" medical plan is "collapsing under its own weight."

Writing from Brisbane, Australia, he cited the annual report of Dr. Duncan Cook, director of clinical services, to the New Zealand parliament. He quoted the report as saying:

"Increases in the general medical services and pharmaceutical supplies have been of such magnitude as to lead to serious misgivings as to whether state medical insurance against sickness is practicable or whether the best method of payment for services has been adopted."

The New Zealand medical plan has been in operation for 12 years.

Job Opportunities Beckon Oldsters As War, Defense Plans Cause Labor Shortage

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—The oldster is getting a break. It seems a labor shortage is developing, and younger workers are going into the armed forces or defense production jobs.

Companies who thought a man was washed up at 60 — some said he was unhireable after 40 — are suddenly discovering that the oldster has virtues of skill, experience and executive talent.

"Don't apologize for growing old — many persons are denied this privilege," the Controllers Institute today reminds its members, who are looking for a job once in a while.

The 40-Plus Club of Connecticut, engaged in finding its members

new jobs says that since the Korean war many companies are turning to hiring older men, since they fear loss of younger key personnel to the armed forces or to defense jobs.

A government arsenal at Frankfort, Pa., which had a 62 age limit for machinists, tool die and gauge makers, has raised it to 70.

The office of defense manpower says a labor shortage is developing and the labor department is planning a training program for industrial plants to get the skill needed for arms production.

The older age brackets, however, offer a large reservoir of already trained ability. The census bureau reports that 12.2 per cent of the men and 13 per cent of the women in the country are over 55. There are 11.5 million persons over 65—one out of every 13 in the country—and both the number and the percentage is growing. There may be 20 million in that age group by 1960.

A bumper crop of the very young is coming along. But the age group on which the military draw, and to which industry normally looks for replacements—the 15 to 25 range—have been growing very little, if at all. In fact, there are two million less in the 15 to 19 group than 10 years ago (that was the depression's short crop of babies).

One active campaigner against early retirements is Elmer H. Bobst, president of Warner-Hudnut, Inc. He advocates putting persons over 65 on half-time, rather than retiring them. He says they will live longer when they have an interest in life—not to mention the easing of the strain on the nation's economy.

The cost of social security, industrial pensions, and the like, mounts steadily as the number of the nation's over-65 age group swells. Bobst thinks many at retirement age would prefer being self-supporting, and the nation's economy needs their production skills.

Hoax Touches Off Brief War Scare in Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—An apparent hoax touched off a brief war scare in Portland last night.

Telephone calls to newspapers and news services came from scores of excited Portlanders after an announcer at a football game asked "all enlisted men and regulars" to report for duty at once.

A few hustled out of the crowd of 12,500 watching a high school football game, before the announcer used the public address system again to warn that the first announcement had not been verified.

It never was verified, but the report spread fast through the city. It was hours before the rumor was finally laid to rest.

Military officials denied they ever had put out such a call.

An employe at Multnomah stadium, where the announcement was made, later disclosed that the announcer had been requested through a telephone call from a man with an impressive voice.

He identified himself over the phone as Major A. J. Andrews of west coast security. Military officials said they knew of no such person.



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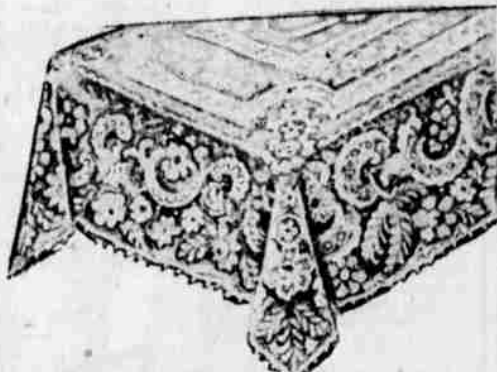
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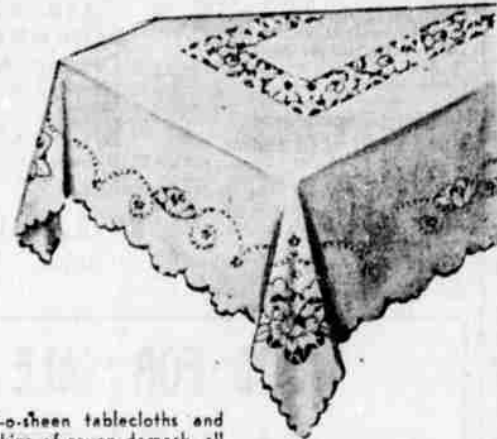


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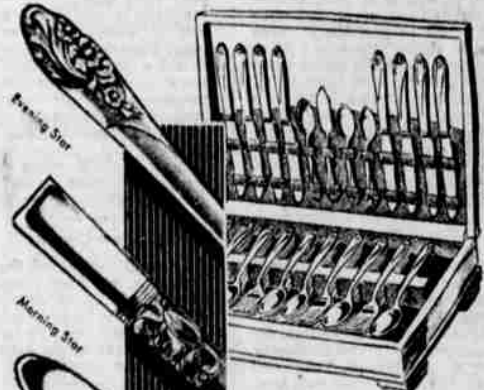
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