

Republican rejects universal health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a provocative move, a Republican strategist urged party leaders Wednesday to unabashedly reject the idea of universal health insurance for all Americans.

It is "a bad idea" that would lead inevitably to government domination of health care and degrade the quality of American medicine, William Kristol charged in a memo to party leaders. "We should be proud to oppose it."

Universal coverage is the central goal not only of President Clinton's health plan but a major Republican alternative bill. GOP leaders have disagreed with Clinton on the means, but not the end of achieving coverage for all Americans.

But Kristol, who created a stir with an earlier memo disputing the notion that the U.S. health system was in crisis, said the GOP should reject all the proposals that would mandate health coverage, including the Republican bills.

Kristol is chairman of the Project for the

Republican Future, a small, conservative think tank that disseminates ideas and strategies to local, state and national GOP candidates. He was former Vice President Dan Quayle's chief of staff.

"Federally mandated universal health insurance coverage is a bad idea. We know this bald statement will make many in Washington (including some of our own friends) uncomfortable," Kristol said.

Clinton has threatened to veto any bill that does not provide guaranteed private health insurance for all Americans.

Almost 39 million Americans — nearly one in seven — lack health insurance.

A Republican reform plan crafted by Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island and Rep. Bill Thomas of California would achieve universal coverage by 2005 by requiring that individuals, not their employers, buy insurance.

Another Republican, Rep. John R. Kasich of Ohio, is circulating a new compromise proposal that also aims for universal coverage by 2005 through an individual mandate.

Kristol conceded that most polls "show vague but general public support for the idea of 'universal coverage,'" but he claimed it cannot be done without "heavy-handed government intrusiveness."

A White House spokeswoman, Lorrie McHugh, dismissed Kristol's suggestions.

"This is from the same person who tried to tell the American people that there was not a health care crisis. He was out of touch then and obviously still remains greatly out of touch," she said.

Clinton said Tuesday night in Charlotte, N.C., that he won't budge on universal coverage.

"We are the only advanced country in the world that doesn't do this. ... I can't compromise on that," the president said.

Kristol contends that under any universal coverage scheme, Congress would wind up deciding such thorny issues as whether to pay for abortions, setting limits on group therapy sessions and even "how often Americans should get their cholesterol checked."

Employees contaminated by accidental radiation leak

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — At least 19 workers were slightly contaminated by radiation accidentally released at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Thirty-four others will be examined.

The U.S. Department of Energy was testing 34 other people who were near the accident but farther away than the contaminated workers. Six workers tested were not contaminated.

Radiation was released while workers were cutting a nuclear reactor control rod under water, Walsh said. The saw either slipped or gave off an electrical arc, causing radioactive particles to break loose and become airborne. Workers were evacuated.

The reactor can produce high-energy neutrons used to bombard materials being tested for the Navy and to simulate in a few months how the materials will perform over 20 or 30 years.

It also produces types of radioactive cobalt and iridium isotopes used for medical treatment and for non-destructive testing of industrial materials.

Jurors lead King's lawyer to move for a mistrial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney King's lawyer moved for a mistrial Wednesday in King's lawsuit against the city after jurors said a juror in a different case confronted them at lunch and accused them of "wasting taxpayers' money."

U.S. District Judge John Davies denied the attorney the motion after he spent an hour quizzing each juror about the incident.

"These people have the intelligence and desire to put this incident behind them and treat it for what it was, an encounter with a discourteous person,"

Davies said.

Six jurors said they were pointed out at a restaurant by jurors from a state Superior Court case. That court is in a building a few blocks away from the federal court where King's civil lawsuit is being heard.

They said one man pointed them out and said: "Those are Rodney King jurors. Don't they know they're wasting taxpayers' money."

The King jurors took the name of the disgruntled juror, his judge and his and companion jurors' badge numbers. Davies

said he alerted the other judge by phone.

"There was anger," one of the King jurors said. "They seemed to be either frustrated or aggravated." She said the remark seemed to ripple through the crowd and others turned to look at them.

King's attorney Milton Grimes, worried that the incident could affect the verdict, noted that jurors have been kept anonymous and wondered how they were identified. That question was never answered.

Davies said he would seek additional security for jurors

during their breaks.

The city has conceded liability for the March 3, 1991 police beating of King. Two officers were convicted of violating King's civil rights at a federal trial and are serving 30-month prison terms.

The two-phase trial is being held to determine compensatory damages owed by the city and punitive damages that could be levied against individuals. Compensatory damages cover actual financial loss; punitive damages are aimed at punishing a wrongdoer and deterring such conduct in the future.

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