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ANOTHER FEDERAL MONOPOLY

Attention is called to another insidious bill, introduced in the senate June 3, 1943 by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York on behalf of himself and Senator James Murray of Montana and known as senate bill 1161.

The bill appears so absurd that it is inconceivable that such a measure should pass, but other absurd measures have become laws, so much so that the average citizen should be alarmed over any legislation, regardless of how preposterous it may seem. Certainly we do not want federal control extended any further than it is at the present time.

Here is the gist of the bill, branded vicious by many doctors and druggists as published in a pamphlet by the National Physicians committee for the extension of medical service:

Senate Bill No. 1161 proposes nothing less than to buy up the medical profession in the United States and run it as a government monopoly. The price would be a part of approximately \$12,000,000,000 which the bill proposes to raise annually by taxation, mainly from payroll taxes. Of this enormous sum \$3,000,000,000 is to be allocated each year to provide medical care and hospitalization for the American people.

We get so accustomed to hearing about billions of dollars that we rarely bother to imagine what twelve of them amount to. Even three billions of dollars is enough to allocate \$600,000,000 for administration expenses, to hire every effective physician in the United States at an average salary of \$5,000 a year, to rent every bed in every hospital for \$5 a day and every bed in government hospitals for \$2.50 per day, and to spend for drugs and medicines approximately \$168,000,000.

Administration of this magnificent monopoly, according to the bill, would be in the hands of the surgeon general of the public health service. He would have power and authority to hire doctors and establish rates of pay. This would probably mean that he would indirectly determine the salaries of all private doctors, if there should happen to be any of them left in business. He would establish fee schedules for all surgical and medical services. He would decide the qualifications of specialists. He would determine how many patients a physician might have, and decide arbitrarily what hospitals or clinics could provide services for patients.

It is needless to say that this would place a great deal too much power and authority in the hands of one man, or one Federal Bureau. Actually it would be the power of life and death over the American people. It would make medicine and surgery one of the worlds greatest political rackets.

It seems incredible that anybody will take this bill seriously. But two Senators, at least, thought it worth while to introduce it in Congress.

LOOKING AT POST-WAR THROUGH ROSE GLASSES.

In the latter part of 1918 twenty-five years ago, both the returning soldiers and the public were lulled into a false sense of security by the prospects of post-war demands. "We'd never have another depression and there would never be another war, because with the signing of peace we had just finished another war to end wars and that was that."

Now we are beginning to hear of the greatest of all demands for all kinds of commodities and its being hinted from some quarters that hard times are a thing of the past and all we have to do is to look down from a bed of ease while we float along to greater prosperity. Those of us who are nearing or have passed the half century mark look with suspicion on any such propaganda.

While it's true that once peace comes we will be faced with the greatest shortage of all commodities any of us living have yet seen with demand for thousands of new homes, new autos, new refrigerators, new tires and what have you and it is possible that we shall witness the greatest era of progress, but the ultimate outcome will depend on us and how we handle the situation.

It will be up to the individual. We must make an effort to at least solve our own problems. We can't look forward to a benevolent government to educate our children, to protect us and, to hand out a salary every month and to take charge and rear our families without creating a hord of bureaus. We have too many of these all ready. The sensible thing to do is to be willing to take a little initiative and solve our own problems. We have too many bureaus already and should pursue the same course as a navigator and throw overboard all the excess baggage when they start to chart an unknown course.

Washington Letter

(By Harris Ellsworth)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The mild influenza epidemic that has hit Washington is heavier in point of numbers involved than the tragic 1918 flu contagion. 90,000 cases reported. Several schools are closed and numerous government offices are almost out of business. I have heard of no deaths directly traceable to the current wave of infection. Bad colds or mild flu cases lasting but a few days with apparently no serious after effects seem to be the extent of it. All of my own office help came down but fortunately only after I had spent most of last week in bed and was about again. The office has been kept open but not, as you might guess, at its highest efficiency.

A couple of weeks ago a new book closely imitating the external appearance, including type, ink and colors, of Wendell Wilkie's book "One World," but bearing the title "One Man—Wendell Wilkie," made its appearance here. I bought a copy and read it. It is apparently supposed to smear Wilkie so badly that he will not be nominated by the Republican

convention. Many Republican Congressmen are opposed to Wilkie, and so greeted this book with great glee. One Washington by-product of the flurry caused by the book was a speaking invitation extended by the member in charge of this week's 78 Club program to C. Nelson Sparks, former mayor of Akron, Ohio, and author of the book. The 78 Club is an organization of the Republican freshmen members of the House, and each member of the club has charge of one program during the year and may select his speaker.

The four days of debate in the senate on the soldier vote bill had some terrific repercussions. Democrat senators divided sharply and bitterly on the issue. Early this week they had a bitter verbal set-to on the senate floor with threats of an outright breakup—the southern senators threatening to pull away from the present democratic party and make a third party of their own.

Yesterday Speaker Sam Rayburn took the house floor to plea for national unity. It was generally assumed "on the hill," however, that what he was doing was indirectly asking democrat members of the House to pull together and not break out against one another as they did in the Senate.



"OF COURSE, WILBUR, MEAT IS SCARCE IN WARTIME, BUT I THINK YOU ARE OVERDOING IT JUST A BIT."

SPIRITUAL HEALTH

By Dr. H. A. Hagen

You may have wondered how Mme. Chiang Kai-shek was able to captivate so completely the usually hard-boiled Members of Congress. At least I have—so I asked an old friend who is now in Congress. He replied simply that it was her unquestioned and unqualified sincerity. As evidence he gave me a little pamphlet containing Mme. Chiang's "Confession of Faith" which reads, in summary:

"I used to pray that God would do this or that. Now I pray that God will make His will known to me. Life is really simple, and yet how confused we make it. In old Chinese art there is just one outstanding object, perhaps a flower. Everything else is subordinate to this one beautiful thing. An integrated life is like that. What is that one flower? It is the will of God. But to know His will, and to do it, calls for absolute sincerity, absolute honesty with oneself, and it means using one's mind to the best of one's ability.

"God speaks to me in prayer. Prayer is not self-hypnotism. It is more than meditating. In meditation the source of strength is oneself. But when one prays he goes to a source of strength greater than his own. I wait to feel His leading, and His guidance means certainty. Prayer is our source of guidance and balance. God is able to enlighten the understanding. I am often bewildered because my mind is only finite. I question and doubt my own judgments. Then I seek guidance, and go ahead, leaving the results with Him . . .

"I do not think it is possible to make this understandable to one who has not tried it. . . . What I do want to make clear is that whether we get guidance or not, it is there. It is like tuning in on the radio. There is music in the air, whether we tune in or not. By learning to tune in, one can understand. How is it done? By practicing the presence of God—by daily communion with Him. One cannot expect to be conscious of God's presence with only a bowing acquaintance with Him. "With me, religion is a very simple thing. It means to try with all my heart and soul and strength to do the will of God."

That, I believe, is the sort of faith which can "move mountains." God grant that Mme. Chiang may be given the physical strength, to practice that faith through the war period, and for many years to come.

A man stood at the pearly gate,
His face was worn and old;
He merely asked of the man of fate

Admission to the fold.
What have you done, St. Peter asked,

To seek admission here,
Why, I tried to estimate my income

Tax from now to the end of the year.

The gates swung open sharply,
As St. Peter touched the bell;
Come in, he said, and take a harp,
You've had enough of hell.

LION ROARS

(Phyllis Foster, editor)

Lions on All Star Team

The Cottage Grove Lions placed ten men on the local Tri-County All Star team according to announcement made Thursday, December 9: On the first team were right guard, LeRoy Ewing, and right half, Howard Harpole; on the second team right end, Don Wickendoll; right half, Dwayne Carpenter; right tackle, Wilbur Heath, and guard, Eston Wicks; on the third team, quarterback, Keith Wooley; right half, John Edwards; on the honorable mention list, left end, Reg Land, and left tackle, Ivan Hoyer.

Former Teacher Visits

Mrs. Darlene Wolff, a former teacher of girls physical education and public speaking in our high school, visited here last Friday, December 10. She was accompanied by Miss Elida De Bartoli, a student of Mrs. Wolff's at Chiloquin high school.

Miss De Bartoli was on her way to Eugene for an audition with Dean Kratt of the University of Oregon school of music.

Phyllis Foster, senior, related interesting happenings and described places that she had visited in Chicago, as one feature of the varied student assembly program Friday, December 10.

Phyllis won the trip to Chicago, to attend the National 4-H convention, on her Home Beautification project. She told of the many well-known places she had visited such as the Planetarium, the Chicago Theater, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Edgewater Beach Hotel, the Stevens Hotel.

Phyllis mentioned interesting characters whom she met and the many presents she received. She advised all the 4-H members "to work hard" and hoped they all would win a trip to Chicago.

Elida De Bartoli, a visitor from Chiloquin, sang several numbers, "A Little Love, A Little Kiss," "The Kiss" in Italian, "Stardust" and "My Hero," from the "Chocolate Soldier" as an encore.

Mrs. Wolff, who taught girls' physical education and public speaking in '42 and '43 introduced the singer, who is one of her senior pupils this year.

Mrs. Wolff mentioned that Miss De Bartoli was to have an audition with Dean Kratt, instructor of music at the University of Oregon soon.

The junior play cast was introduced and a short skit presented. Vice president Dick Balch opened the assembly. Joan King led the flag salute and the assembly sang "God Bless America."

Tin Can Drive

A tin can drive is being held in Lane county December 15 and 16. In this vicinity the cans will be collected at Jefferson school and a truck will come the afternoon of December 16 to collect the cans. The cans should be washed out, the ends cut out and the cans smashed together.

Christmas Program

The girls' league is in charge of

the annual Christmas assembly which will take place in the auditorium Thursday, December 23.

Santa Claus will be present and will read a few letters, some of which will be pantomimed.

There will be a program consisting of some special numbers such as: A solo by Dorothy Rider, a reading by Mrs. Charles and a trumpet solo by Keith Wooley.

After this program the students will participate in singing Christmas carols.

Beyond Singapore

An exciting non-fiction movie was presented in a pay assembly to the student body Thursday at 3:00 by Capt. Harry Sherk. The pictures illustrated his travels in the jungles, how he trapped many animals and how he himself was almost trapped several times. After the movie Capt. Sherk gave a short but impressive talk about his travels and what our boys are going through in this war.

School Dances

The announcement was made last week that school administrators will permit alumni service men to come to school dances upon invitation by the group that is sponsoring the dance.

Whenever an alumni service man comes to Cottage Grove, the person who wants to invite him must consult the group sponsoring the dance. There will be a group appointed to approve all such invitations.

School Briefs

The Footlighters at their weekly meeting Tuesday, December 7, discussed and voted on the point system to be followed for the coming year in their dramatic work. The constitution was also read.

Three local boys took the oath for the army air corps recently and expect to be called in June. They are Kenneth Hansen, Roy Carr, and Ronald Hathaway.

Two withdrawals were reported this week. Murle Gabrielson, junior, withdrew to go to work, and Wally Morelock, sophomore, because of illness.

ACTS ON LIVESTOCK FEED

As part of the Government program to conserve livestock feed and make the best use of available supplies in producing the maximum volume of livestock products, WFA has taken the following steps: (1) Elimination of the subsidy the Commodity Credit Corporation has been paying on corn moving from surplus to eastern and southern deficit areas; (2) an increase of 20 cents in the price of feed wheat on and after December 6; and (3) an offer to July corn during the remainder of this month at the old ceiling price in approximately 150 counties on the fringe of the corn belt where the new ceiling on corn (effective December 6) represents a reduction in prices. OPA raised the maximum price on corn 9 cents a bushel at Chicago to correct inequalities in the previous regulation. At the same time, the prices of oats, barley and sorghum grains were "frozen" at the highest prices of the five-day period, November 29 to December 3, pending issuance within 60 days of a permanent regulation on these feeds.

FATHER DRAFT DELAYED

President Roosevelt has approved the father draft bill, designed to delay induction of pre-war fathers into the armed services.

The action was announced by the White House Friday. The

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