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SOCIALIZED MEDICINE ANOTHER STEP TO SOCIALISM

A few of our readers have recently commented that they have not seen an opinion expressed by this newspaper on socialized medicine. While we have commented on the so-called socialized medicine bill, we are afraid that our opinion would not carry too much weight as we are only one of the one hundred and fifty odd million people living in this country. We believe this is just another step toward a socialistic state toward which the whole world is leaning.

In the first place we can't see the sense of any nation with as many resources as we have voluntarily submitting ourselves to further regimentation. From what we know of England's plight, socialism is a symptom of the economic ills facing that country. For us the logical solution it seems to us is to conserve our natural resources, rather than jumping at some utopia, which promises an earthly paradise.

In the next place we would hate to take any pills administered by politicians, such as would be the case if government stepped in and tried to keep us well and happy. If the politician pills were any worse than the politicians' promises, we could be a lot worse off under the socialized medicine program. The doctor who could develop into the most efficient politician would be the one who profits under any program of socialized medicine. His skill would be a secondary consideration as it is in some countries which have socialized medicine.

From what we have observed and read of the operation of the plan in England, it isn't all good and it isn't all bad, but the bad far outweighs the good in our opinion. For the ordinary fellow, it's quite a chore to wait to see a doctor, if time means anything, but where it's free to the public, we might safely multiply the waiting period several times and the reason is that we have a lot of people suffering with mental or imaginary ills; under our system many are held back only by lack of finances.

If we have been correctly informed, under the English system the general practitioner or the ordinary country doctor faces extinction. In smaller communities such as this, the country doctor plays an important part; we are not large enough for the so called specialist. It would indeed be pretty tough on most of us to drive from twenty to one hundred fifty miles to get a bad case of the old fashioned stomach ache cured. Even worse we are told under the English system, if you move you keep the same doctor, which might involve considerable inconvenience and sometimes death.

We could cite a few other objections, but the disagreeable feature of the whole setup it seems to us is not having the privilege of changing doctors, if and when we thought the occasion demanded.

This thought puzzles us, if we advance much further into this cradle to the grave security idea and have the government supply us everything needed including a \$100.00 per month pension as proposed by Secretary of Labor Tobin, just how much will those able and willing have to pay the government for keeping those not able to work, well and happy and especially since the span of life has been extended about twenty years in the past four or five decades.

DELICATE BALANCE

Most of us can recall the time when a dollar was worth 100 cents instead of the 55 or 60 cents at the present and also we can remember seeing a few \$25.00 and \$5.00 gold pieces floating around. We were on the gold standard then, but apparently because other nations did not have enough gold to use as a medium of exchange, we went off the gold standard and started hoarding the gold at Fort Knox. Now the principal users of gold seem to be for jewelry or to fill teeth and we are not sure that gold is commonly used for the latter any more.

Evidently the government is still coining a few gold pieces, as Mrs. Nellie Ross, the mint director, is credited with the statement that a million dollars in gold weigh exactly one ton and that this amount will fit in an ordinary lady's hat.

We are reminded too that every time we suffer a slight economic maladjustment, someone steps up with a new plan to manage our money or medium of exchange. They either want to start the printing presses going, which has been tried several times without success by several nations including our own or devise some other means of making money easier to get. Our monetary setup is in a pretty delicate balance and every time we go to monkeying with it, in trying to change its value we get into trouble. It's too complicated for most of us to understand.

Our way of life and the freedoms we enjoy are just as delicately balanced and one of the easiest things to lose as many of our European neighbors can testify. We are sure the road we are traveling now won't have the happy landing promised by some of the politicians.

BUT WE OUGHT TO DO IT

Juvenile sex offenders, much in the news recently apparently have been taking advantage of the timidity of the parents in reporting such matters to the police; at least officers say this is the reason why more juvenile sex offenders are not prosecuted and punished. It is embarrassing for decent people to have to be brought into court to participate in testimony which is both unclean and distasteful to most of us, yet this is necessary if the offender is to be placed where he can't continue to molest children; otherwise he may be involved with several children before he is finally caught.

Children should be taught to refuse rides with strange men on the streets and highways and not to enter a building with a strange man alone. To accept such invitations may be taking only a 1,000 to 1 chance but recently the one chance has ended in the death of the child in more than one instance.

CHRISTMAS AND NOT XMAS

During the approaching holiday season, you may see the term Christmas written as "Xmas", which from the spirit of the season is improper. We were reminded of this fact only recently in a note from one of our subscribers. Most newspaper people know better, but are sorely tempted to use the shorter term simply because it's more convenient. When you are trying to fit a two word phrase of say eighteen letter spaces in a space only large enough for fourteen letters, using the proper word can be time consuming, but we should take that time.

Testing Dairy Cattle - X-Disease - A survey conducted by a special committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association disclosed that at least 30 states sustained cattle losses from X disease in 1948.



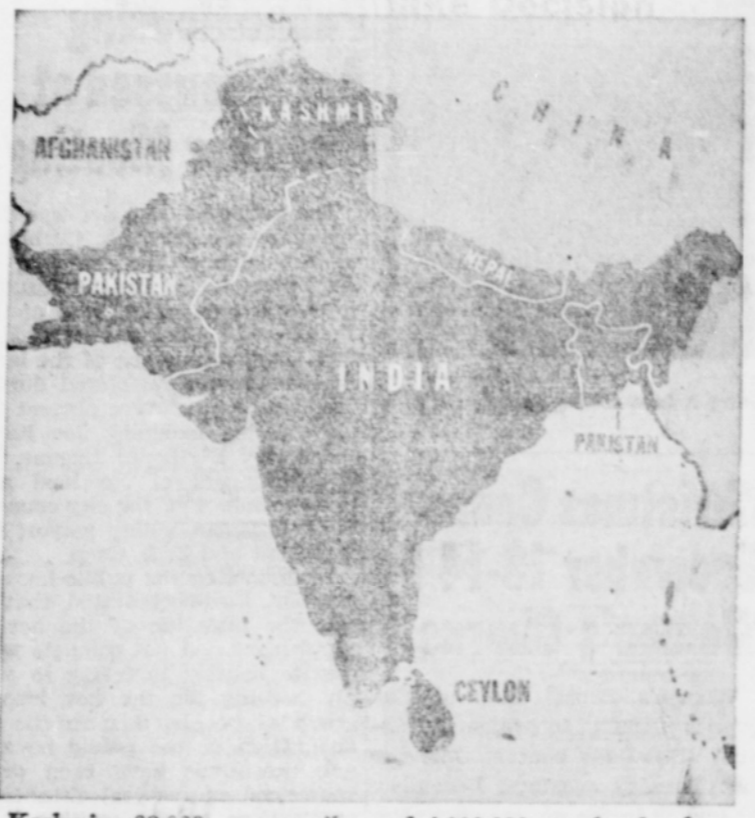
Turkey for Two May Be Too Much

We have heard of tea for two, but a 25-pound turkey for two is a horse of another color — so thought Mr. and Mrs. Ed Twing of Dorena when they sat down to their Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Twing being the head of the house and general shopper for the couple, was sent to town to purchase a 15-pound turkey, which was thought ample for the two, but when he returned with a 25-pounder, his wife had to look the second time to be convinced it wasn't an ostrich. Mrs. Twing said her husband always did have eyes several times larger than his stomach when it comes to turkey.

Well, it was Wednesday afternoon, and not a pan of any kind in the house large enough to roast the bird, so they came to town in the family car to try to find something large enough to roast it in and small enough to fit in the oven. They tried every hardware store and second hand store in town, but to no avail, and were just giving up in desperation when they met a friend on the street and told him their plight. He assured them a roaster wasn't the thing anyway, and told them to get a large heavy paper sugar bag and to call his wife for directions as to how to roast it. They had better luck in finding the said sugar bag than the roaster, and were soon on their way home.

Mrs. Twing reports the most beautiful and delicious turkey she ever saw or ate, and has decided from now on to buy food in large quantities and roast it in their paper bag. The bad feature is that they are both on a turkey diet for the rest of the winter, and are both sprouting feathers and beginning to gobble.

Kashmir to Make Decision



Kashmir—82,000 square miles and 4,000,000 people—borders on both India and Pakistan and is scheduled to decide by plebiscite which it will join. Meantime, both sides hold parts.

U.N. Observers in Action



With civil strife continuing in Greece, United Nations military observers teams continue their tedious, often dangerous jobs of watching the country's northern frontiers to make sure that there is no illegal interference on the part of Greece's neighbors. This group of U.N. observers was photographed near Aghia Paraskevi.



No milk will be poured in this little boy's cup if the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), threatened by a lack of funds, is forced to halt its operations. UNICEF, now feeding supplementary meals to 5,000,000, has scarcely enough money to finish out its planned program for this year. But the hungry children will still be with us then.

Eight Outstanding Scientists to Speak On U. of O. Campus

EUGENE, Nov. 21 (Special)—Eight outstanding social scientists from the University of Oregon will combine their talents to lead a series of evening meetings on "World Affairs" beginning on the University campus Wednesday, Nov. 30.

The series is sponsored by the General Extension Division of the State System of Higher Education, and the Public is invited to register.

Dr. Charles P. Schleicher, professor of political science, and Robert Lyons, social science instructor at Eugene high school, are coordinating and planning the extension series. Meetings are scheduled on alternate weeks, from 7 to 9:40 p.m. in 101 Oregon hall.

"The World Economic Picture" is the topic for the Nov. 30 meeting, led by E. C. Robbins, instructor in economics, and also for Dec. 14, when Dr. Howard S. Piquet, visiting professor of economics, will speak.

Dr. Schleicher will head the discussion on "Nature of World Crisis," Jan. 4. Dr. Alburne Castle, head of the philosophy department, will take "Ideologies as They Relate to World Affairs" on Jan. 18.

Concentrating on one area, "The Far East," Dr. Paul S. Dull, associate professor of history and political science, will speak at the Feb. 1 meeting. "Latin America in World Affairs" will be dealt with by Dr. J. F. Weig, assistant professor of history, on Feb. 15. Discussion of "Russia and the West" will come March 1, by Dr. Gordon Wright, professor of history.

"United Nations Regional and World Governments" will be discussed March 15 and 29 by I. G. Nagy, assistant professor of political science. Nagy, who is new on the University faculty this year, formerly was first secretary of the Hungarian legation in Washington, D. C., and official observer to the U. N. security council meeting.

Dr. Schleicher will wind up the series April 12 with "United States in World Affairs."

Registration may be made at the Extension Division offices recently moved to 1225 Kincaid street, or at the first or second class meeting. The fee is \$10.50. Those wishing university credit will register for PS 407 or 507, "Seminar: World Affairs," (G), 3 hours.

Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS MAILING - First I wish to call your attention to the fact that the new rate of postage on Christmas and all other greeting cards enclosed in unsealed envelopes is now 2c when no writing other than your name is enclosed.

Christmas cards: Many advantages will result if you mail your Holiday greeting cards at first-class rate; sealed for three cents with which you may inclose written messages or letter, not permitted otherwise when mailed at third-class rate for 2c.

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Sincerely, N. J. Nelson, Jr. Postmaster

Most Beautiful Cat



AFTER being treated with aureomycin, newest of the "miracle" drugs, Zimba, one-year-old lioness in New York's Central Park Zoo, is reported in good health again as she sits up in her cage. Suffering from an intestinal infection that is usually fatal, the animal was given experimental treatments. A high temperature dropped rapidly, according to zoo doctors. (International)

Sell it through the classified. Pages 16 and 17

LATHAM (Mrs. Esther Trummel, reporter phone 17-F-11)

Frank Chapman spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his son Leslie and family at Drain. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fletcher and children of Yakima, Wash., came Sunday to visit his aunt Mary Ash. They found her quite ill. They stayed Sunday night with his cousin Merle Porter.

Miko Geer had the misfortune to lose the forefinger of his left hand recently.

Chrystal Wilson who has been staying at The Clare Chapman home visited several days at Reedsport with another sister over Thanksgiving. Nina Chapman spent the holidays at home.

R. E. Yates of Portland spent Monday and Tuesday nights at the Hugh Trummel home while working in Willamette valley territory.

Mrs. Fred Harris and son Lonnie returned from Port Orford Sunday evening with her brother Marion Miller of Crosswell. Fred stayed a few days longer as his fishing was interrupted by the big rain. As usual he was successful.

Thanksgiving brought a real home gathering at the home of Inez Kramer. Those attending were Allee White home from OSC for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Herald White and son Herald of Eugene, their daughter Abbie Jane of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred White, Mr. and Mrs. Ili Romington and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Murry and family, Mrs. Mary Massey and Mr. and Mrs. John Hooton and son.

Mrs. Lee Williams will visit her mother near Grants Pass this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyer of Cottage Grove have moved into the H. D. Hayes home.

Ma. Leased - The Turner mill, known as the old Fred Harris mill, has been leased to A. B. Brown of McKenzie Bridge. C. C. Hoskin, also of McKenzie Bridge, will operate the newly acquired mill. Mr. and Mrs. Hoskin plan to move near the mill soon.

Clarence Nichols, brother of the late O. A. Nichols and the late Mrs. Winnie Hagerly and Mrs. Albert Oaks of Eugene passed away November 8 at Crescent City where he had lived for four months. He had been to the hospital to visit his wife who had been there six months. He did not get to bed that night due to a second stroke. His body was not found for several days. He was buried there Nov. 15. A niece, Mrs. Leo Paschenko of Marcola, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oaks attended the funeral.

The John Trummels are driving a new car since Monday.

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