# Truman Asks Congress to Pass Compulsory Health Insurance

# **Controversial Plan Provides Payroll**, **Pay Check Taxes**

#### By Morgan Reynolds

WASHINGTON, April 22-(AP)-President Truman asked congress today to help end "unnecessary human suffering"" by approving a compulsory medical plan which, officials said, might cost \$6,000,000,-000 a year.

Workers pay check and employers payrolls would be taxed 11/2 per cent apiece to finance the pro-



Declaring that "good health is the foundation of a nation's strength," Mr. Truman appealed anew for adoption of the broad 10year health program he previousy had outlined to the lawmakers. This calls for a vast expansion through federal aid of the country's medical services and hospital facilities, plus increased numbers of doctors, dentists and nurses, Stresses Insurance

In Italy Premier Alcide de Gas- proposal, first advanced in 1945, peri has finally got around to already has become a subject of cutting up big land holdings to controversy, not only on Capitol provide farms for peasants. Long Hill but also among the medical advocated as a desirable social re- profession itself, with opponents

for the communists who could ed medicine." a basis to maintain farm produc- desire its extension." tion. Reports from the other coun-

sulted in a decrease in yields. The private holders may sell or tection. lease to those who have been working the lands; or the government takes the land over for repartly in cash and partly in bonds.

owners are affected but only 100 save a great deal more than it will have to give up half their costs." He asserted that Americans lands. Some 120,000 to 150,000 already are paying about 4 per peasant families will acquire about cent of the total national income \$,000,000 acres. The number to be for medical expenses. Based on benefitted is pitifully small in a last year's income figure of \$224.country where the population in- 400,000,000, that would be about creases about a million a year.

these brothers took tled the nobility the side of the plebians. Tiberius sought to take the lands, which had come into the ownership or control



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# Nanking Abandoned; Reds Reach City

But the president laid major stress on the compulsory health insurance program in his 3.000word message to congress. This

form, the delay has been fodder contending it will mean "socializpoint to land distribution in Po- Mr. Truman, however, pointed to land and Hungary under the new the recent spread of voluntary meregimes. De Gasperi's program is dical insurance plans as "proof not as radical as that in Poland that our people understand the adfor example; but it is planned on vantages of health insurance and

"Unfortunately," he added, "voltries indicated that the breaking untary plans have proved inadeof lands into small fragments re- quate to meet the need." He said that while some 50,000,000 Amer-State and municipal lands are icans now have "some form of being cut up in Italy and landlords health insurance" only "three and of large estates are being forced one half million of our people have to give up from 20 to 50 per cent insurance which provides anything of their holdings to the peasants. approaching adequate health pro-

#### 'Save a Great Deal'

Brushing aside opponents' chardistribution, paying the owner ges that the federal insurance project would be too costly, Mr. Tru-The estimate is that 8,000 land- man said "the truth is that we will \$9,000,000,000.

Ereases about a million a year. Land reforms are not new in Italy. Those who remember their ancient history will recall the Gracchi brothers, some of Cornelia's (remember "Cornelia's jewels" from the Latin primer?) Born of the president's plan would pre-dict its approval this session. The subject is packed with controversy and scores of other important leg-islative problems remain to be set-**Princess Talk** Lazarus Dies After 3 Weeks Without Head LOS ANGELES, April 22 -(AP)-Lazarus, the headless rooster, died today



and white wire haired terrier Spotty from the water main in which rose from February to March in 48 the dog was trapped 29 hours. Spotty was freed last night by the combined efforts of three public works crews. The dog became trapped after he chased a rabbit into the pipe. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.

WASHINGTON, April 22 -(AP)-Living costs have gone up a little after falling for five straight months.

Living Up

Slightly

The government reported today that its latest consumers price index rose 3/10 of one per cent from mid-February to mid-March. It had fallen steadily since the record high of August and September.

The index is prepared by the labor department's bureau of labor statistics as a measure of retail prices for goods and services bought by moderate-income families in large cities.

A one per cent boost in the housewife's food prices over the month accounted mainly for the ndex rise. Other advances were reported for rents and miscellaneous goods and services (medical care, household operations, transportation, recreation, tobacco, etc.) More than seasonal advances for meats led the slight rise in foods. The food price change ranged from a rise of 2.6 per cent in Scranton, Pa., to a drop of 1.4 per

cent in San Francisco. Food prices out of 56 cities surveyed. The index for mid-March was

169.5 percent of the average for the 1935-39 pre-war period. At this level it is 1.6 per cent above a year ago and 72 per cent over pre-war 1939. It is just about 3 per cent below the August-September peak.

Leader, Dies

DALLAS, April 22-William C.

Retzer, 60, prominent Dallas jew-

eler and civic leader, died unex-

pectedly at his home here Friday

afternoon of a heart attack. Retzer

operated a jewelry store here for

Born at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov

Dallas in 1922 to enter business.

Retzer was past master of Jen-

nings Lodge AF & AM, Past chan-

cellor - commander of Marmion lodge Knights of Pythias, a mem-



SHANGHAI, April 22 - The British cruiser London, docked at wharf on the Whangpoo river at Shanghai today shortly before battle casualties were removed, shows plainly shell marks on hull and superstructure inflicted by Chinese communist shore batteries during running battle on the river. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Shanghai to the Statesman.)

## Woodburn Fund Periled By Condition of Schools In Life-Lilienthal William Retzer,

#### WOODBURN, April 22-(Special)-The state department of educa- Chiang Active Again

**To Scene** 

#### By Seymour Topping

NANKING, Saturday, April 23 (AP)- This tottering capital of nationalist China was abandoned by its officials and its garrison today as communist troops smashed across the river and reached its gates.

Red troops, apparently cracking the nationalist defenses on a wide front, seized broad areas on both sides of the capital.

Best reports here said the latest crossing came from Pukow, across the Yangtze from Nanking, Red veterans were said to have landed near Nanking's railway station, just outside the city's walls.

Looting began in Nanking rom which all high government officials presumably had fled along with the garrison. The city was a no-man's-land, with both soldiers and police withdrawn. Shops Looted

Mobs broke into shops and carried all manner of merchandise to their homes and the countryside. Dirty and disorganized troops, believed withdrawn from Pukow.

treamed through the city. Among those fleeing the capital were a number of foreigners. They went on the same planes which carried off high government officials in cluding Premier Ho Ying-

An estimated 100,000 nationalst troops reportedly clogged the roads in disorderly retreat from Nanking. They fled south along four main highways.

(continued on editorial page)

## Treasurer **Obtains Bond**

PORTLAND, April 22 -(AP)- The new county treasurer got his bond today.

J. T. Summerville, 73-year-old to kill him within 12 hours. democrat who was appointed to the post after Ray Dooley failed surety bond, was bonded today by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance company of New York.

Multnomah county was still without a third commissioner. however. Presumably a republisan will be chosen to succeed Alan Brown, who has resigned.

### **Bones Uncovered** In Vanport Rubble world.

PORTLAND, April 22 -(AP)- A farmer uncovered a few bones today in the rubbish of Vanport, the housing project destroyed in last year's flood. Officials said they may be the

remains of one of the seven persons still listed as missing from amine the finds tomorrow.

#### RIVER TUNNEL URGED

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 22 (P)- A tunnel under the Columbia river between Vancouver and Portland is the latest proposal here. The proposal was made af- Friday. ter Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock of Oregon had suggested a second bridge across the river.

**Animal Crackers** By WARREN GOODRICH

boy! Here comes the "Oh hors d'oeuvres!"

ed suddenly before city inspectors to start next week. who were serving Lazarus' owner, Mrs. Martha Green, with an order

"All of a sudden he just hung cited. his neck and died," said Mrs. to obtain the required \$100.000 Green. "I got down on my knees and prayed. I prayed for America. information agency representing I know God put that rooster into most Protestant churches in Briforgive us for what we had done." Only yesterday, Lazarus won in patches from Italy to the British court a reprieve from an earlier press saying Margaret might call

death sentence. on the Pope at some time during Mrs. Green said the chicken will the month she plans to spend in be stuffed "so we can keep it as Italy. There was no confirmation a token of what God gave to the of such a plan in either London or

Rome. Mrs. Green bought the rooster at Unofficial Vatican sources, howa market April 2, took him home ever, said such a meeting could be to clean him and was astounded as simple as the Princess chose. when the bird stood up and began She need not kiss the Pope's ring, to strut and, apparently, try to bow or kneel. Protocol does not crow. She had kept him alive with require it. Most Protestant wommilk and other light food, admin- en received by the Pope take his

istered by an eye dropper. hand and curtsey slightly.

## Vanport. Teeth melted from a dental plate in a rubbish fire also \$100,000 Turkey Processing **Plant Finished at West Salem**

A new \$100,000 West Salem tur- gene, Roseburg and Canby. key processing plant stands ready for operation, it was announced was completed under the direction statistics reported today. Rising northern edge of Milwaukie for proved in a special election in Building List

The plant, operated by Oregon Turkey Growers association, has been set up in a building on Bassett street formerly occupied by

Willamette Packing company. L. D. Roberts, manager, said the killing plant, constructed on an assembly-line basis, would probably commence processing the birds within the next two weeks. This will be when the growers' breeder hens are ready for market, he said. The operation, which includes killing, picking and cooling the birds, is capable of handling about 2,000 turkeys per day. About 25 employes will be hired, Roberts said.

An eviscerating plant, capable of processing 60,000 pounds of turkeys per day, will be constructed this fall, Roberts declared. It will employ about 50 people.

As the Oregon association is affiliated with Norbest Turkey Growers association of Salt Lake City, Utah, local birds are shipped to all parts of the nation in addition to being marketed locally.

The spring killing season is expected to last until about June 1. The fall operation, however, opens about October 1 and continues until the following February. The as-

SEATTLE, April 22-(AP)-Atomic Chief David E. Lilienthal said to-night the task of making and imnight the task of making and improving atomic weapons is proceeding "rather well in terms of LONDON, April 22-(AP)-A pro-

A-Knowledge to

Wreak Changes

progress.' test against any meeting of Prin-"But the real function" of the cess Margaret and Pope Pius XII atomic energy commission, he said was lodged by two Protestant orin an address prepared for a Uni-

ganizations today. They asked King George VI. versity of Washington audience, "is much broader than that. It is temporal head of the Church of this: to foster knowledge." England, to see that his 18-yearold daughter does not have an au-This new knowledge will, he

said, "affect the whole complex of 28 years. dience with the Roman Catholic The celebrated chicken succumb- Pontiff on a tour of Italy she plans life, agriculture, nutrition, education, international relations, in-The "long, historic struggle dustry, peace and war. That much

against Papal influence in the seems clear. reigning house" of England was \* \* \*\* What we are dealing with is not another weapon but with Letters were sent to the king fundamental forces at the foun-

by the Protestant Truth society, an dation of all life and all matter."

the world and let him live for a tain, and by the National Union of purpose. I prayed that God might Protestants in northern Ireland. They were based upon disto Close Doors

Salem's fertilizer plant will close chamber of commerce and a city

operations Friday with the exception of a maintenance crew, Arch was chairman of the special com-Metzger, manager of the Columbia mittee in charge of planning con-

Metals-operated factory, announc- struction of the Dallas city hall ed yesterday. Lease on the war-built plant

Announcement of funeral servends for the company June 30. Bids ices awaits the arrival of a son, for its sale are being negotiated. Maj. Karl Retzer, stationed at Palo ers at the Ford Motor company's Sixty-five men are employed at the plant at present, but the staff

will be cut to 10 or 15 necessary Eugen Pederson, Everett, Wash., to maintain the plant and dispose of 800 to 1,000 tons of fertilizer on hand.

ry Retzer, Los Angeles.

Temple

built in 1936.

COST OF FOOD INCREASES PORTLAND, April 22 -(AP)- The WAREHOUSE SITE BOUGHT average cost of food here in- MILWAUKIE, April 22 -(P) creased 1 per cent from February The International Harvester com- cord high city budget, \$25,819 be-

of Tony Volk, assistant manager. meat prices were responsible.

tion this week warned Woodburn school district it will lose \$40,000 of basic school support funds unless sub-standard grade school con-ditions are eliminated.

The state department has declared local elementary schools below standard because of antiquated buildings, overcrowded conditions and Tsung-Jen in declaring that they continued use of temporary facilities. Aug. 1, 1949, has been set as

the deadline for submitting an ap-proved grade school plan to the Board Eases voters.

Dr. Carl L. Huffaker, school Installment building specialist at University of Oregon who conducted the preliminary survey of local needs, said last Friday that the Woodburn dis-trict has only six actual grade Buying Rules

29, 1888. Retzer came west with school rooms for 461 pupils. his parent sat the age of two years. He stated that more students He grew up in Walla Walla, Wash. now are housed in makeshift and was married to Rith Nelson there. He moved to Salem in 1918 said further that Washington grade were he resided until moving to school should be condemned.

> In addition to the critical grade school problem, Woodburn district voters are faced with a record school budget of \$202,900 for the automobiles. 1949-50.

ber of Friendship lodge of IOOF. Citizens will hold a public hear-Naomi chapter of Order of Eastern ing on the proposed budget next Star and Pythian sisters Dalore Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Lincoln grade school. The following day, He was a member of the Dallas April 28, they will vote whether the budget should exceed the 6 per councilman for many years. He cent limit by \$107,953. Only \$21,-496 of the \$200,000 budget is with-

in the 6 per cent limit.

FORD PLANT STRIKE VOTED March 7. DETROIT, April 22-(AP)-Work-Alto, Calif. Surviving besides the big rouge plant gave solid appro-Local President Thomas Thompson costing less than \$100. five-day strike vote showed 30,290 workers in favor of a walkout and **Albany Climbs** 

> **ROSEBURG OKEHS BUDGET** ROSEBURG, April 22-(AP)+A re- Near Salem on

Albany nearly equaled Salem in March building activity as both re-Salem Saddle Club Dons Full Regalia to Practice for Horse Show

cent.

supplement. Salem's \$392,210 and Albany's \$353,363 ranked third and fourth Portland and Medford. The capital city showed a drop of 19 per cent from March, 1948, while Albany city. construction value rose 311 per

Total figures in Oregon's leading cities for March were \$5,421,-073, a drop of 48 per cent from year ago

Large projects included a new fire hall and an Evangelical church in Albany and telephone company salem alterations and a cannery building in Salem.

SEWELL AVERY TO STAY

and company today told Sewell Avery to go on running it. Stock-holders at their annual meeting brushed as ide complaints over Avery's leadership and gave him a

whopping vote of confidence as This Yes chairman of the board of directors.

In the hour of nationalist China's yesterday with Acting President L4

were resolved to "fight to the

Hangchow, the meeting place for nationalist leaders, is 150 miles southeast of Nanking. Li's home in Nanking was among those loot-ed by Chinese mobs. He was suid to have left Nanking early today for an unknown destination, but this could not be confirmed.

The flight of government soldiers led to belief that their commanders temporarily had lost control. Military quarters said the

WASHINGTON, April 22-(AP)-26th army, which was ordered rooms than in standard rooms. He The Federal Reserve board today to move into Nanking last night to defend the capital, never arlengthened to 24 months the time rived. limit for completing installment

#### purchase payments and simultan- Gates Open, Unguarded

eously cut the down payment to The city gates are open and un-10 per cent for everything but guarded. Desertion of nationalist automobiles. guarded besertion of nationalist points. The deserting troops sim-The new regulations will become effective April 27, marking ply sat down and waited for the

the second time the board has communists. relaxed credit controls in less (The Associated Field that the telephone line to Nanking, over which The new 24-month time limit Topping was sending his news, replaces the 21-month limit that went out shortly after this dishas been in effect since March 7. patch cleared.

The ten per cent cash down pay-(It was possible, the Shanghai ment replaces a 15 per cent re- office said, that the line had been quirement also in effect since cut. Topping's last word was that the reds had not yet entered.)

In addition, the board exempt- British Ship Hit Again The British embassy, still is ed from control requirements furniture, radios and refrigerators Nanking, announced that communist artillery again during the and other now-controlled items day had hiit the crippled British

sloop Amethyst, in the river 60 miles east of Nanking. It had no word on whether fresh casualties

resulted. The Amethyst's captain, Lt. Cmdr. B. M. Skinner, was among the 44 dead from two days of shelling that damaged four British warships. His body and one other were taken to Shanghai by train Friday, along with the remaining Amethyst wounded.

corded considerable gain over the Coastal Communities to previous month, according to the Pacific northwest building data Vote on Consolidation

DELAKE, April 22-(AP)-The voters of DeLake, Cutler City, Taft, in Oregon for the month, behind and Nelscott will decide tomorrow whether they want to combine their communities into a single

The proposed new city would be called "North Lincoln," and would extend about four miles along the coast highway (U.S. 101).

### THE WEATHER

Salem	Max.	Min,	Precip.
Portland	. 67	46	trace
San Francisco	61	48	.60
Chicago	_ 70	51	.33
LAGAN TOLW		52	.22
Willamette rive	r 4 fee	et.	

New York 69 52 Willamette river 4 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather reau, McNary field, Salemi: Pa cloudy today, tonight and Sum

(Sept. 1 to April 23)

Last Year

Valley Horsemen's association with the saddle club and the Oregon

sociation operating the West Salem Salem Saddle club (shown above) will be an important part of the plant has similar set-ups in Eu-1 events at the state fairgrounds May 7 and 8, when the Willamette

Mounted posse, will sponsor a two-day show.

4,400 against.

widow and son are sisters. Mrs. val to a strike proposal tonight. and Mrs. William Fitz-Henry, The said a final count of ballots in the

a projected \$750,000 warehouse. Roseburg yesterday.

Dalles; brothers, George Retzer. North Hollywood, Calif., and Hen-

