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'Cradle to Grave' in Britain

(From The Washington Evening Star)
The British have launched the most ambitious and far-reaching social-security program that the world has ever seen.

It is by no means a wholly new development. Rather, it comes as the logical completion of an economic and social evolution which began under the Liberal-Radical leadership of Lloyd George shortly before World War I, and which was fully elaborated in the report of a Royal Commission headed by Sir William Beveridge in 1942. As now implemented by the Labor government as part of its aim to socialize Britain's national life, the program provides an unparalleled degree of social security for every Briton, literally from the cradle to the grave. No one is excluded. The rich as well as the poor are entitled to participate and are even constrained to do so. This, of course, implies a fundamental change in Britain's social and economic life.

Here are some of the benefits any Briton may demand: Free medical care, hospitalization, special service, dental treatment, medicines, maternity care, home nursing, eye and ear treatment, artificial limbs and other physical aids. He or she is likewise entitled to unemployment and widowhood insurance, retirement and disablement benefits, funeral expenses and death grants, plus baby bonuses for each infant addition to the family. And the individual is scheduled to get all this by an annual contribution deducted from his or her wages or salary which, on the average, will not exceed \$52.

It sounds wonderful. But there is a catch in it. The state will make up the inevitable deficit between the program's total cost and contributions from individuals and corporate employers. That deficit will at once amount to something like \$2,000,000,000 per year, tending to increase as time goes on. And the money will have to be found out of taxes, which are already so heavy as to be almost confiscatory for the wealthy and well-to-do elements of the population.

Further more, this ambitious experiment is launched at a time when Britain's financial solvency is threatened and when its economy appears to be contracting rather than expanding. It is those basic factors which differentiate this program from the social-security programs of Australia and New Zealand, both of which are countries still in process of expansion. It is no wonder that, under these circumstances, critics of the program predict that it is essentially one of "share-the-poverty," which will tend further to stultify individual initiative and efficiency—those traditional incentives on which productive progress has so largely depended.

Perhaps the most incisive query is how all this can be kept compatible with the maintenance of political democracy and individual rights and liberties. Far-reaching social-security programs have been established in Soviet Russia and are part of the Communist recipe for its World-Utopia. In Soviet Russia, such benefits still exist largely on paper. But even though materially realized, they will be bought at the price of absolute individual subordination to a despotic and all-powerful state.

Has Britain's Labor government discovered a "golden mean" by which full social security can be attained without paying the totalitarian price? The future will give the answer.

A Preacher Looks at War

(From The Washington Evening Star)
Dr. Daniel A. Poling, noted churchman and editor of the Christian Herald, is right. The three hundred Protestant ministers who recently urged the youth of America to defy the draft law have rendered their faith a "tragic disservice." Their ill-advised and dangerous doctrine deserves to be repudiated by every church member and every citizen.

There is not the slightest doubt that the overwhelming majority of Protestant clergymen, as well as members of their congregations, concur with Dr. Poling that the offending statement by the dissident group of ministers constitutes "a breach against law and order, democracy and freedom" that, if heeded, could lead to anarchy. He stressed that the group does not represent Protestantism—rather it "misrepresents" it. The group, acting as individuals and without organizational sponsorship, issued a public letter which, in part, urged Christian youth to "break with war" by refusing to register or serve under conscription and, in the case of those already in the armed forces, by "withdrawing." The letter was released by the Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers, professor at the Boston University School of Theology, and the Rev. A. J. Muste, national secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Dr. Poling speaks as one who is a recognized leader of his faith and who hates war as intensely as any one. He was gassed in World War I and he lost his son, Chaplain Clark V. Poling, in World War II. His attitude is expressed in a book, "A Preacher Looks at War," in which he wrote: "Let the church have no blessing for war, but shame upon us as churchmen if we have no blessing for our governments, who in the presence of war defend with their very lives our holy things."

Although not an advocate of peacetime conscription, Dr. Poling, as a member of the President's Civilian Advisory Commission on Universal Military Training, approved the preparedness training program proposed by the commission for America's young men. Congress rejected UMT but enacted a modified draft law. Dr. Poling believes the failure to adopt the UMT program was a mistake and he deplors the failure of Congress to provide certain "moral safeguards" for drafted men. But, as a good citizen, he believes implicitly in obedience to law and in supporting the efforts of his Government to defend itself.

If the contrary attitude favored by Professor Chalmers and his group were to prevail, America would be totally unprepared for another attack. Such improvidence in an atomic era would be horrible to contemplate, too disastrous to risk. It is fortunate for this country that the irresponsible advice of such groups as that led by Professor Chalmers carries so little weight—and that most preachers look at war as Dr. Poling looks at it—as an evil which cannot be destroyed by turning our backs on it.



ST. ALICE CATHOLIC CHURCH at Fifteenth and F Sts., in Springfield was formally dedicated during morning ceremonies last Sunday. Shown during ceremony of blessing the new church are leading Master of Ceremonies Tolbert McCarroll of Springfield, followed by three unidentified altar boys, Rev. Father Francis P. Leipzig of St. Mary's Parish in Eugene, Father Renner, S. J. of Gonzaga University, the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, D. D., archbishop of Portland (nearest building), and Rev. Father L. H. Sohler, pastor of the recently-organized parish. (Phillips photo, Wiltshire engraving).

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Pastor Reports On Meeting

MONROE—In reporting on the interdenominational church meeting held in Corvallis last week, Rev. H. G. Herrmann of Monroe, who attended the meeting, states: "The Leadership Institute for Town and Country Churches, held at the Oregon State College, came to a close Friday afternoon."

"Both Protestant and Catholic movements brought some very able speakers to the floor. The aim was the improvement of town and country churches."

"Perhaps the outstanding characteristic of the meeting was the fine spirit of fellowship between the representatives of the two groups. It was demonstrated that we are all primarily human, have a common destination, face common problems, and a willingness to work together on the common task. Before adjournment the work of the Institute was appraised, and it was decided to call another meeting next year. H. C. Seymour was elected chairman of the movement for the coming year."

Church Board Inspects Plans

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Central Lutheran Church this Sunday at the morning service with Pastor Harold Aalbu officiating. Sunday school for all classes begins at 9:45.

Members of the board of deacons and board of trustees will meet in joint session at the home of Conrad Loney, 430 Sunnyside Drive, Thursday at 8 p. m. At this session the board members will examine the completed plans for the parish hall unit of the new Central Lutheran Church plant. Decisions will be made concerning the sale of the present property on Sixth and Pearl and the general procedure to be followed in letting contracts for the new construction.

Willagillespie Chapel

Rev. Mr. Warford will speak Sunday at Willagillespie Baptist Community Chapel on the subject: "Ezekiel's Vision of God." Sunday school is at 9:45 a. m.; prayer meeting is Wednesday evening at the home of the pastor, Rev. Elwood Marvin.

The name regatta (boat race) is a Venetian term which early Italian dictionaries define as "strife" or "contest."

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The scriptures represent the Christian as a soldier. His Commander in Chief is the Lord Jesus Himself who is "The Captain of our Salvation." He Himself has said: "All authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore. He gives the orders by right of God given authority. The faithful preacher but relays His orders which are to be obeyed without quibbling or questioning. But what if the orders are not relayed, or are altered to suit the fancy of the subordinate? Then the whole battle may well be lost, and certainly the one guilty will receive the punishment so justly deserved."

The Commander in Chief has all the information while the wisest of us know "only in part." He sees the complete picture in all its relationship; we dimly see but a small detail of a whole. Therefore even common sense should tell us the Chief knows best when He gives a command. We may not be able now to see the reason or the sense, but our confidence in Him must remain unshaken. To those who would question Him He says: "Why call ye Me Lord, and do not the things which I say?" And again, "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

Let us be assured, even in the most crucial hour, that our great Commander knows what He is doing, and the victory will be ours if we implicitly follow Him in all He says, trusting Him for the reward of victory and peace.

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Lutherans Hear Sacred Concert

The Musical Hurds of Yakima, Wash., will present a concert of sacred music at 7:30 p. m. Sunday at Evangelical United Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hurd, assisted by Miss Maribel Harris, play a number of musical instruments, including the vibraphone, piano accordion, solovox, trombone, trumpet, and piano. Mr. Hurd also is an artist with the invisible paints which come to life under "black light."

First Methodist

At the First Methodist Church Sunday morning, the minister, Rev. L. O. Griffith, will preach a sermon on the theme, "Concerning Miracles." Soloist for the morning will be Mr. James Kays, tenor, and the choir under his direction will present a morning anthem.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet in the church promptly at 6:30 p. m. and Rex Griffith will lead a discussion on the theme, "The True Meaning of Charity." The service of worship for the young people will be led by Miss Laura Lee Newton and Miss D'Elda Casey.

During the coming week the minister of the church, Rev. Griffith, will be attending a graduate summer school for ministers at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.

A married woman has no legal obligation to assume her husband's name, although it is customary for her to do so.

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

SPRINGFIELD—The "Church of the Lutheran Hour" will hold divine services in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, located on the corner of Seventh and A Streets, Springfield, at 11 a. m. "Ye Are the Light of the World," will be the topic of the sermon delivered by the Rev. E. D. Busch, pastor.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m.

The Sunday school teachers will hold a meeting at the parsonage Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

A week from Sunday, August 1, a fellowship potluck dinner will be held at Skinner's Butte Park, beginning at 1 p. m. All the members and friends of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church are invited to attend.

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