

Administration Admits:

Medical Care Bill 'Not Healthy'

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of Welfare Abraham Ribicoff concedes the administration's medical care for the aged plan is in shaky health, and says he is ready for legislative surgery on it.

The president of the American Medical Assn., meanwhile, has charged passage of the measure would undermine the nation's health care standards. Dr. Leonard W. Larson said that has been the outcome in every country that tried "politically controlled medicine."

Larson said Sunday the administration's program would swiftly mushroom into socialized medicine. He spoke in an interview on the Manion Radio Forum, broadcast from South Bend, Ind.

Ribicoff said Sunday night in a television interview—NBC's Meet the Press—that while the medical care bill is in difficulty in the Ways and Means Committee "I really think we have an opportunity to come out with a favorable report."

Ribicoff said the administration is prepared to accept changes in the bill, but will not compromise on its central feature—financing under the Social Security System. He said that "goes to the very heart of the program. Without the Social Security approach you don't have a program."

"There are a number of alternatives that in my opinion could be very beneficial to the bill," Ribicoff said. Among them, he said, are:

• Provision for coverage for some 3 million elderly persons who would not come under the

current version because they are not covered by Social Security.

• Participation by Blue Cross, the private hospitalization insurance firm, in some aspects of the administration of the medical care program.

• An option system, under which an elderly person could choose government coverage, or take cash equal to the Social Security protection to purchase private health insurance.

The administration plan, sponsored in Congress by Rep. Cecil R. King, D-Calif., and Sen. Clin-

ton P. Anderson, D-N.M., would raise Social Security taxes one-fourth of 1 per cent to finance hospitalization and nursing home care for people 65 and over. It would not cover doctor's bills.

Bill Attacked
Larson attacked the administration plan in these terms: "What would start out as a socialized medicine for a small segment of our population would soon become socialized medicine for every man, woman and child in this country."

He said socialized medicine has undermined medical care in England, where many physicians are leaving the country "because they do not like the system under which they must work."

"There is no reason why we should impose that type of system upon the people in this country," Larson said. "I do not believe our people would accept it if it ever came to pass."

Basic Weaknesses

Ribicoff said the bill introduced by Rep. John V. Lindsay, R-N.Y., which embodies proposals of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, is the best of the Republican medical care bills, but "has basic weaknesses."

This measure would provide Social Security financing, but under it, elderly persons adequately covered by private insurance plans could draw cash instead of benefits.

"If we could make sure that there wouldn't be a concentration of all the good risks into the private insurance, or the Blue Cross insurance alternative, I think we could work this out as an alternative," Ribicoff said.

Medical School Receives Grant
A \$55,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health has been awarded to the University of Oregon Medical School for the training of medical students in research.

The grant will be used to improve, unify and coordinate existing training activities directed toward the preparation of superior medical students for careers as investigators and teachers in the basic and applied medical sciences.

According to Dr. John M. Brookhart, chairman of the medical school's graduate council, the grant will provide stipends and tuition for superior students who are studying under the school's five-year program leading to both a doctor of medicine and a master of science degree.

Fisher Attacks Tax Proposal

MEDFORD (AP)—State Rep. Carl Fisher, Eugene, Republican congressional candidate, Monday attacked President Kennedy's proposal to withhold for taxes 20 per cent of dividend and interest income.

"Such a law would allow the federal government to literally confiscate millions of dollars to which it has no right," Fisher said at a luncheon of the Jackson County Women's Federation.

He said it is all right for the treasury to want to collect \$800 million annually in taxes that now are not being paid on interest income, but that this is not the best method.

Fisher said the 20 per cent figure would make many people pay more than they should.

Methodists Vote to Keep Present Site

First Methodist Church of Eugene, the largest Methodist church in Oregon, with 2,200 members, will remain at its present downtown site at 1185 Willamette St.

This decision—which climaxes congregational discussions that have continued for more than three years—was made last week at a Quarterly Conference meeting of church officers, boards and representatives of the congregation.

The meeting was called to vote on three recommendations of the church's committee of five. These recommendations, all passed, were that the church remain at its present site, that the church purchase two lots on Oak Street, adjacent to the Methodist Youth House, for future use for parking, for building, and that the building committee work with architects this summer on a comprehensive development plan for the properties.

These three motions, said the Rev. Kenneth Simonds, associate minister at the church, were passed by "almost overwhelming" majorities.

Fire Destroys Military Uniforms

TOURS, France (AP)—Fire swept a quartermaster building on the American base at nearby Chino today, destroying an estimated \$800,000 worth of uniforms, shoes and other clothing.

Authorities said they believed the blaze was caused by an electrical short circuit.

Supreme Court Agrees to Review Voting System

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court agreed Monday to review the litigation over Georgia's county unit vote system, used in Democratic primaries and declared unconstitutional by a lower court.

But the court left the prospect for the Sept. 12 primary clouded by declining to give the case any emergency status. It will not hear it until its fall term, beginning Oct. 1.

A three-judge federal court in Atlanta, Ga., which declared the system unconstitutional, issued an injunction against its use in the Sept. 12 primary. This still stands.

However, Monday's Supreme Court order noted that Justice Harlan felt Georgia Democratic officials should be given leave to apply to the high court for a stay of the injunction pending final action on the appeal.

The other justices said nothing on this issue, but the court commonly does not go beyond the questions immediately presented to it. Harlan's not could be in effect an invitation for a move of that kind.

Under the county unit system, candidates must win a majority of county unit votes. Critics contend the plan is loaded against metropolitan area voters to such an extent that a candidate could win a majority of popular vote and lose the primary election on the unit system.

In other actions Monday, the court:

• Struck down 8-0 a suit by Sinclair Refining Co. for \$12,500 damages from officials of the AFL-CIO Oil Workers Union because of a work stoppage at a refinery in East Chicago, Ind., in alleged violation of a no-strike clause in a labor contract.

This case, involving an interpretation of the Taft-Hartley Act, marked the first opinion by the court's newest justice, Byron R. White.

• Set aside 5-2 the contempt conviction of Frank Grumman of Fort Lee, N.J., who refused to answer some questions asked by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in a 1957 investigation of Communist infiltration of the communications industry. The majority cited the court's May 21 holding in other contempt cases that the grand jury indictment must identify the subject under inquiry by the congressional committee.

• Refused to hear an appeal by Charles E. Williams, a Negro who sought damages under the Civil Rights Act of 1875 from an Alexandria, Va., restaurant he said denied him service. The lower court dismissed his suit on grounds the act did not apply to private intrastate racial discrimination.

The appellants in the Georgia case are the State Democratic party and Eugene Cook, state attorney general.

Doctors Advise Rest

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Premier Bashir Azme has been advised to take a rest. The 52-year-old premier has been confined to bed for the past five days.

Seven Die In Weekend Auto Mishaps

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A driver died in the flaming crash of his truck south of Salem early Monday, swelling Oregon's highway toll since Friday to seven.

State police said the truck, a flatbed loaded with crates of live chickens, gradually left the paved portion of Interstate 5, crashed into a steel signpost and caught fire. It was owned by Guy Foreman Poultry Co., Portland.

The driver, Elliott Trull, 26, of Boring, apparently fell asleep, police said.

East of Weston Sunday, an automobile crashed off a curve into trees beside the road and killed Maurice Berry, 42, Spokane. He was a passenger in a car driven by Jimmy Lee Clark, 32, Portland, who was hospitalized at Pendleton with non-critical hurts.

Headon Collision
Three persons died Saturday in the head-on collision of two cars near Ontario after one car apparently swerved to avoid a bicycle.

The dead were Walter Eckman, 73, Haxton, Colo., and his wife, Hulda, 72, who were riding in one car; and Joan Kahle, Dubuque, Iowa.

Injured seriously were Mrs. Kahle's husband, Marvin, and her eldest son, Richard, 11. Another son, William, 10, was in fair condition Saturday night.

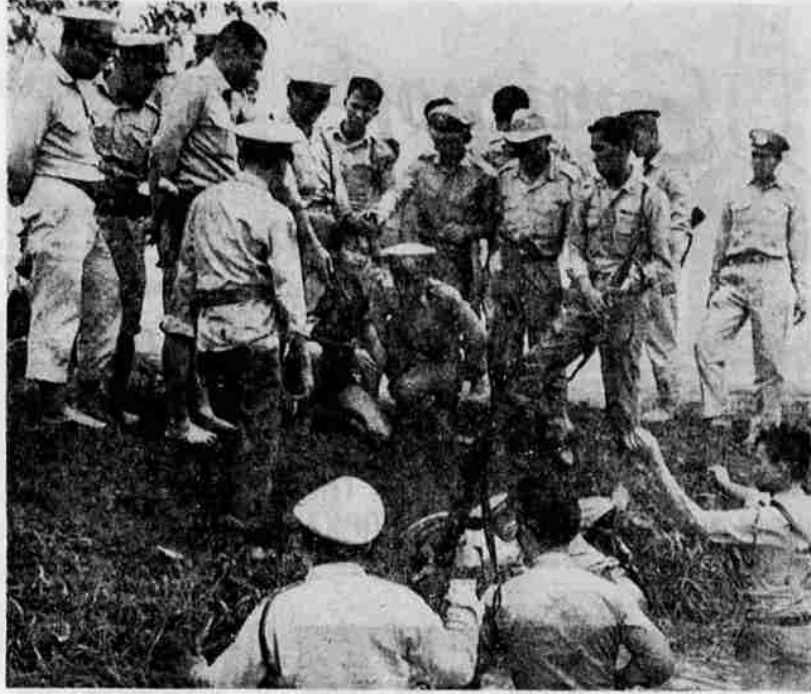
Michael Sullivan, 12, Ontario, suffered a broken leg.

The accident happened near Farewell Bend on U.S. Highway 30, between Ontario and Huntington.

Bicycle Swerves
Police said the Sullivan boy was bicycling to Ontario after a visit to a relative in Huntington, 28 miles away. He apparently swerved in front of the Eckman car, police said, forcing it to swerve into the path of the oncoming Kahle vehicle.

In a later accident, Phillip Harry Garcia, 16, Astoria, died after the car he was driving went out of control south of Astoria.

Sunday, Mrs. Betty Sandberg, 33, Grants Pass, was killed when her station wagon struck a telephone pole and a tree in Grants Pass.



(AP Wirephoto)

Thai Bandit

Police surround a member of the "Tiger" Wien bandit gang after his capture in a rice paddy near Bangkok following a six-hour gun battle recently. Two members of the gang were captured but Tiger escaped. Tiger had led a gang of six men, armed with rifles and machine guns, to the home of his father-in-law in Cholaka Noi, near the Thai capital, to prepare for a raid on a nearby village. Police were informed of his plans and went to the house to arrest the gang and the battle began.

Wait Was Too Long For MacLaren Boys

It was just too long a wait for two boys from MacLaren Boys School who escaped Saturday while their drum and bugle corps was waiting for the Portland Rose Festival parade to start.

According to Amos Reed, superintendent of the Woodburn institution, the corps had to wait "a long, long time" for their place in the parade.

The two stole one car in Portland, abandoned it and took a second in Albany and were finally halted after a state police bullet hit one of them in the shoulder near Coburg.

James Clark, 16, the passenger, was in good condition Monday morning in Sacred Heart Hospital following the removal

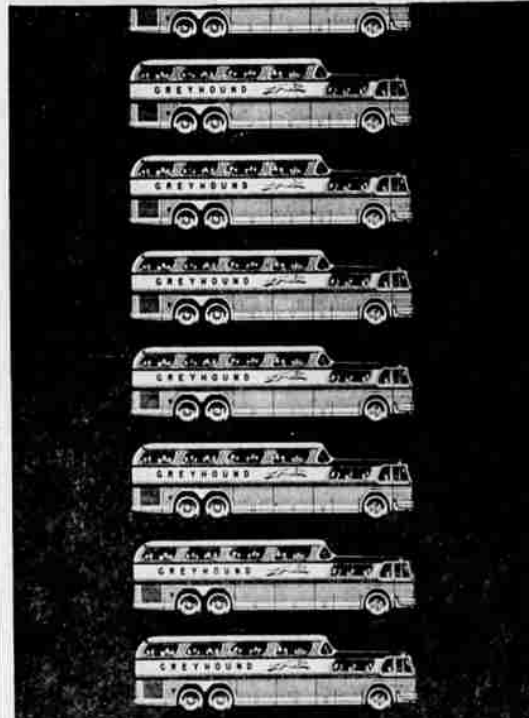
of the bullet from his shoulder. The car's driver, Snowden Epley, 15, was returned to MacLaren.

Even without the two, the drum corps won first place in its division of the parade.

JFK Returns From Glen Ora

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy returned by helicopter Monday from a weekend at Glen Ora, his leased estate at Middleburg, Va.

The President and his 4-year-old daughter, Caroline, went by helicopter to Glen Ora Saturday, joining Mrs. Kennedy and John Jr. who had gone earlier by car.



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- The Kerr-Mills Law enables the individual states to guarantee to every aged American who needs help the health care he requires.
- In addition to the more than 2,500,000 Americans covered by old age assistance, the Kerr-Mills Law is designed to benefit all other older persons who can not meet the cost of a serious or prolonged illness.
- And, under Kerr-Mills, each state can pattern the program to meet its own particular needs.

The voluntary way avoids waste of tax dollars by helping those who need help and by preserving the right of the self-reliant to take care of themselves.

WHY WE REJECT THE COMPULSORY PROPOSAL

The King-Anderson Bill (HR 4222), now before Congress would force all wage-earners and all employers to pay a substantial increase in payroll taxes to buy health care for millions who can well afford to take care of themselves.

- It would not provide any help for the 3,500,000 not covered by social security—the group most in need.
- It would lower the quality of health care with the Federal Government controlling standards of practice.
- Cost of the bill would be staggering even when judged by the lowest estimates; yet it would cover less than 25% of an aged person's health care costs.

Every hospitalized patient would be required to pay \$10 a day for the first nine days. Many aged could not afford the \$90. But the well-to-do could easily afford the \$90 and get a free ride at taxpayers' expense for the rest of their hospital charges.

It is bad medicine any way you look at it!

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