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## A Serious Public Need

Early this month, leading doctors of the nation underwent full and complete examination for cancer, in one of the most spectacular steps ever made in the fight to control cancer.

Sponsored at the midwinter meeting of the American Medical Association, in Cleveland, the special detection clinic was not primarily aimed at the discovery of the disease in doctors. It was more of an educational step, taken to impress the medical profession with methods that can be used by family doctors in their own offices and clinics.

The nation is acutely awakening to the fact that cancer, properly diagnosed in its early stages, can be controlled and cured. The stumbling block to effective control of the disorder, however, has been the limited means of detection available for a mass of the population.

So far, specialists in malignant diseases have been the chief sort of diagnosticians and they are not readily available. Beyond that, and particularly in the last two years or so, there have been travelling cancer detection clinics which have done exceptionally good work, within their physical limitations.

Neither of these two means, however, will succeed in overtaking the cancer situation. The demand is too great, the vehicles for examination by far too limited.

With the medical association's method of putting family doctors through the mill, checking them by all the standards which indicate malignancy and acquainting them with the necessary techniques and equipment for the tests, it seems they have hit on an admirable project.

The cancer society of the nation is a just institution, nourished and nurtured by nation-wide appeals for benefits and contributions. It is becoming more strongly a medium through which notable research and treatment methods may be developed. But its work will not enjoy fullest results unless and until more of the nation's practising physicians acquaint themselves of the latest in diagnosis.

If the American Medical Association will only extend its clinic throughout all sections of the nation and vigorously conduct widespread educational programs for the myriad general practitioners, they will offer an unparalleled service to the cause they espouse—the nation's health.

Such education will reach the very core of a serious public need.

—W. K.

## For The Benefit Of All!

Federal concern over hospital facilities, according to the Oregon State Board of Health, has given rise to a five-year program of improvement which is aimed to improve the services available to the sick. The government, for this plan, has allotted \$75 million and Oregon's annual share is an allotment of \$460,725.

In this plan, Uncle Sam takes note of a story that has been oftentimes repeated, particularly during times of national emergency when a closer look at the health of the nation reveals shocking or alarming facts.

The health of the nation has deep influence on the state of a nation. Part of the health picture, of course, deals with habits of nutrition. A large part, however, is influenced by the care of the ill, the availability of medical and hospital means to check and cure disease.

Beyond consideration of economic requirements, immediate and proper treatment of the ill is a matter of social insurance. It is an insurance that disease will not unduly spread; it is an insurance that misery and its continuing effects will not plague our Society.

In Oregon, 2905 chronic disease hospital beds are enumerated in the pending state plan for hospital construction, as well as 2964 beds for mental patients and 240 additional tuberculosis hospital beds. As a basic figure, this wouldn't seem much, for the entire state, but all these beds will be in addition to existing facilities.

The federal authorities will have no voice in the operation or management of any hospital built under terms of the federal aid plan. The government only asks that the means to support and maintain the facility for at least two years be shown and also that the hospital service be made available to all citizens of the state without discrimination as to race, creed, color or financial resources.

When all details have been worked out by state board of health members, the program will be sent to the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service for final approval. The law requires the state board to review the plan annually, in order to make such changes and revisions as conditions might warrant. Thus, the entire program provides workable flexibility.

Surely, here is a program for the benefit of all!

—W. K.

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## Babson Discusses Great Britain

I have always been in close touch with Great Britain. For many years I have had an office in London and have crossed the ocean many times. From the earliest part of World War II, I constantly stated that England would suffer tremendous losses and would be temporarily forced to become a second-class power. All of these forecasts have proven true.

### THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S GOAL

Today I am just as optimistic on Great Britain as I was pessimistic ten years ago. When reading the history of England, I am always impressed to see how many times, during the last thousand years, she has been "down and out." The English people have a character and steadfastness which, in the end, is worth far more than money or even military power. They are the world's greatest authorities on colonial development, shipping, insurance and banking.

I sometimes think that the poverty propaganda which England is now issuing is to help her make a good trade with the United States! However, we should not blame her for this as we cannot afford to have England collapse.

I was a friend of Winston Churchill during the war and was sorry to have him defeated at the last election. His rabid attack on the present Labor Government, however, is unjustified and sometimes seems almost treason. The Labor Government, like other pioneers, makes mistakes, but they have a worthy goal—namely to develop some fair policy as a bridge between Communism and Capitalism. In my humble judgment we should help them in their efforts, although they will succeed without a blessing from our National Association of Manufacturers.

### WATCH AFRICA

For ten years I have been urging readers to watch Russia. This was especially true directly following World War II when Russia was temporarily popular in this country. Now I say, "Watch Africa!" Inside information indicates that the English industrialists are switching their energies and money from India and the Far East to Africa, which is both richer and nearer home. I forecast that England and France will form an economic alliance for the development of Africa which—with the British Dominions—will again make the British Empire the world's greatest power. Therefore, don't sell England short!

England will get out of India all that she has put in India with a good profit to boot. This also applies to certain other distant possessions which she gradually is relinquishing. India is cursed with an unbelievably large population and an impossible religion. Africa is richer in natural resources, has comparatively few people, and these, although called "heathen", are adaptable to the Christian religion. In addition to rich undeveloped mines, water powers, forests, oil prospects, and other natural resources of Africa, it is nearby and already within Great Britain's grip. You hear nothing about giving up Africa.

### THE MARSHALL PLAN

I find in Washington that the Marshall Plan will be adopted after careful tailoring. England is very glad to have it apply to France, Italy and Greece generously, but it is not so keen about Korea, China and the Far East. English diplomats tell me that it is foolish for the United States to try to "save the world". English statesmen of all parties are unanimous that the Mediterranean countries should be protected, so that the Democracies will definitely control the Mediterranean. England, however, is prepared to let the Chinese themselves handle the Russians; and they can do this very well by swallowing them up. The same applies to the people of India.

Let us also remember that the British Empire knows the secret of the atomic bomb. This is both very important for the protection of the British Empire, and also because atomic energy has an important future in the development of Africa. Therefore, let us be generous with Great Britain as otherwise, when World War III finally comes, she may remain neutral and take over all of Europe and Asia after both Russia and the United States are exhausted.

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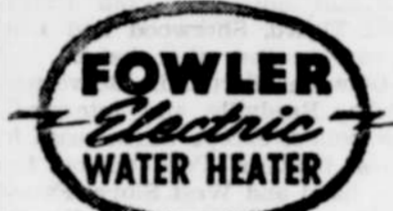
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