

Polio Foundation, Medford Plan Group, Dispute Positions on Fund Raising Plan

A dispute between the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the Medford Plan, which has been quietly developing over a period of months, came into the open today.

The dispute is over the foundation's position that it cannot and will not take funds from a centralized fund raising agency. This position is in contrast to the Medford Plan's assertion that it is not a fund raising agency — but rather is solely a fund disbursing agency.

Statement Issued

The foundation's position was made known in a "statement to the people of Jackson county," issued over the name of the Jackson county chapter of the foundation, although it was prepared by Gene Malecki, state representative of the foundation in Portland. It was issued by local chapter representatives on his orders.

The statement is printed in full below, and comments made regarding it by a Medford Plan spokesman, Chairman Victor Milnes, are included in parentheses.

"The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has returned a sum of money totaling \$1,791.71 to the board of trustees of the Medford Plan. This check is in company with an uncashed Medford Plan check made out to the March of Dimes in the amount of \$365.41, dated May 5, 1952.

History, Reasons Given

"In doing so, the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis feels that those persons who have participated in the Medford Plan should fully understand the history and reasons behind this action.

"Friday, Sept. 21, 1951, representatives of the National Foundation informed Medford Plan officers that the March of Dimes could not participate in the Medford Plan in any manner. It was pointed out that the fund raising policy of the National Foundation and its chapters is as follows: 'The National Foundation conducts its own fund-raising activity and does not enter into agreements with other fund-raising appeals, nor accept contributions from organizations such as Community Chests, etc., engaged in raising funds for a group of local activities.'"

"Also that 'No chapter of branch chapter shall engage in any fund-raising activity or collection of funds, either alone or in conjunction with another, for any purpose whatsoever, other than the annual fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation.'"

"Medford Plan officials pointed out: The Medford Plan has entered into no agreement with

the National Foundation, nor with any other agency; nor is it a "fund-raising appeal." Rather, it is a voluntary group whose members have designated it to distribute their charitable gifts as specified by the member-donor. There has not been, and there is not now, any cooperation between the Medford Plan and the local chapter of the National Foundation for fund-raising, or for any other purpose."

"After pointing out the above policy, the officers of the Medford Plan were requested specifically to eliminate any mention of the National Foundation, the March of Dimes, or to in any manner intimate that the Jackson county chapter would take part in the Medford Plan."

Do Not Take Part

(Medford Plan comment: Since recipient agencies do not "take part" in the activities of the Medford Plan, this objection has no point. The March of Dimes is not mentioned by any Medford Plan literature.)

"This request (for no mention of the March of Dimes or of the Foundation) was confirmed in writing both to the Medford Plan board of trustees and to the public through the Medford Mail Tribune. Despite these requests, the name 'March of Dimes' was included on the 'Informational Bulletin, Fund Raising Organizations,' which accompanied the 'Contributor Directive' on which a donor stipulated the organization and amount subscribed under the Medford Plan."

(Medford Plan comment: The "Informational Bulletin, Fund Raising Organizations," mentioned in the statement, was a publication of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, prepared at the request of its own members and printed on its own stationery, mailed out in its own envelopes, to a separate mailing list at a different time than the "contributor directive" of the Medford Plan. To say that it "accompanied" the Medford Plan mailing is a misstatement.)

Funds Provided

"Early in 1952, \$1,791.71 (representing the amount donated by the people of Jackson county, less an overhead charge of three per cent retained for administrative costs) was tendered the March of Dimes by the Medford Plan. Through a misunderstanding, this amount was included in the 1952 March of Dimes receipts. May 5, 1952, the Medford Plan tendered another check in the amount of \$365.32 (after the three per cent deduction) to the March of Dimes. This check was never cashed pending this clarification."

(Medford Plan comment: Member-donors of the Medford

Plan are aware of the three per cent administrative cost, and take it into consideration in designating their gifts. In effect, they add three per cent to their contribution to care for this expense, rather than allowing their contribution to be decreased by this amount. The net total going to charity thus is the same.)

"As of this date, the full amount of \$2,157.14 has been returned to the Medford Plan by the state office of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Regret Inconvenience

"The Jackson county chapter sincerely regret an inconvenience and/or misunderstanding conveyed by the above described incidents which were brought about through the fact that the March of Dimes was included as a Medford Plan recipient despite both oral and written notification that national policy and the local chapter's charter specifically forbid participation."

(Medford Plan comment: The officers of the Medford Plan could not take cognizance of these notifications because neither the National Foundation nor any other agency "participates" in the Medford Plan. The only participants are its members, and their directives as to how their voluntary gifts are to be distributed are the only orders which the Medford Plan officers are empowered to observe. While it is a joint effort, the Medford Plan operates solely as a disbursing agency for individual contributor-members, who are entitled to say how they wish to give their money.)

Express Thanks

"The Jackson county chapter wishes to thank the thousands of people who have in the past supported the March of Dimes, and hope that they will again want to participate in the annual fund-raising appeal next January."

Jackson County Chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

Milnes said today that the Medford Plan trustees have met, and voted to return the funds to the National Foundation, together with a letter explaining that none of the objections set forth in the foundation's statement apply to the Medford Plan.

May Poll Members

Should the foundation still reject the money, Milnes said, the Medford Plan membership will be polled as to what disposition shall be made of the money given the foundation through the Medford Plan. It may be returned to the donors, or it may be held in trust for the polio foundation, he said.

The foundation's objection to being associated with other fund-raising groups stems from

the fact that it has been more successful in obtaining donations through its own March of Dimes than through consolidated fund drives.

Fairest of Fairs Will Be Selected In Fair Contest

Salem — (U.P.) — To the fair belongs the fair.

State Fair Manager Leo Spitzbart said a "fairest of the fair" search will be conducted by the State Fair this year in tribute to the girls presiding over community celebrations throughout Oregon. He said:

"We are inviting the various fairs and celebrations to send their queens to the State Fair where they will be our special guests."

Will Invite Queens

One of the girls will be selected as "fairest of the fairs" based on several agricultural and homemaking contests, appearance and poise. Each queen will be invited to appear for competition in the ensemble she wore while ruling over her local event.

Potential entries already have come from Pioneer Days of Sweet Home, Timber Carnival at Albany, Bend Water Pageant, Grant County Fair, Cascade Locks and Stevenson, Wash., airport dedication, and Newberg Farmeroot.

Endless Rain Turns War Front Into Mire

Editor's note: Rain has fallen ceaselessly on Korea in the last six days, turning the battlefield into a mire. In this dispatch, United Press Correspondent Richard Applegate tells how American G.I.'s fare under the downpour.

By RICHARD APPLEGATE

On the Western Front, Korea (U.P.)—Cpl. Clifford Leary, liquid mud molding his pants to him like tan paint, slipped and crawled up the slimy slope to the sandbagged dugout, cursing softly.

He stuck his head in the door and asked if anybody had a pair of wirecutters.

"Wipe off your feet before you come in here," a humorist growled.

From inside you could hear the goosy squish of mud on the floor of the dugout as the occupant shifted to make room for Leary.

Arms Heavy With Mud

Leary, Houston, Tex., was mud from the soles of his combat boots to well above his belt. Not

Reports on Polio Reveal 1,666 New Cases During Week

Washington — (U.P.) — The Public Health Service has revealed that 1,666 new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in the nation last week—a new weekly high for the year and well above the five-year average.

The new cases marked a 20 per cent increase over the 1,392 reported a week ago, the year's previous high. They also were 677 more than recorded in the same week a year ago.

Ohio Hardest Hit

Ohio was hardest hit last week with new cases rising from 69 to 179 in the seven-day period. Iowa's case load also climbed sharply from 82 to 116.

Other states reporting a large number of new cases were Michigan with 79, New York 76; California 75, Nebraska 72; Illinois 68; Kentucky 51, and Florida 20. Since the beginning of the "disease year" March 29, 7,090 cases have been reported, compared with 4,340 in the same period a year ago. In the last bad polio year, 1949, 7,267 cases were reported.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Douglas McKay announced Thursday he has appointed D. E. Van Vactor, Klamath Falls, as district judge for Klamath county to succeed Judge M. A. Carter, who has resigned.

Falls City — (U.P.) — Harvey Edward Taylor, 42, of Falls City, was killed Wednesday night when his car and a backing train collided on the Dallas-Falls City highway.

Theater Patrons Flee Falling Plaster

Austin, Tex. — (U.P.) — A section of plaster roof collapsed Thursday in the downtown Queen Theater, sending almost 100 children screaming from the building and injuring at least six persons.

None of the injured was believed seriously hurt. Theater Owner Lou Novy said that 92 children and 32 adults were in the theater when the 35-foot section of plaster fell without warning.

Brackenridge Hospital estimated that about 25 persons were brought to the hospital. However, only two persons were admitted for treatment. The others were released after first-aid treatment for "abrasions."

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The Grange

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Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

WEATHER

By United Press

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