

Strong Chance Seen For Stalemate on Health Care Plan

Washington—(CQ)—Despite the fact that health care for the aged has aroused as much attention and controversy as any current issue on Capitol Hill, and the Administration has now come up with a plan of its own, there is a strong chance of stalemate on the issue this year.

By now, Congress is swamped with such a welter of conflicting proposals that it is not going to be easy to tailor any one of them into a legislative package sufficiently appealing to assure passage. And even if passage is achieved, the battle will not be over.

Road Blocks

The plan most favored to get through the Democratic-controlled House and Senate-compulsory health insurance for the elderly under the Social Security system, along the lines of the Forand (D-R-I) bill—would very likely be stopped dead by a Presidential veto. President Eisenhower says compulsory insurance is a "very definite step in socialized medicine" and "I don't want any of it."

On the other hand, labor unions and liberal Democrats are so convinced of the soundness of the Social Security approach that they may refuse to accept any other solution in 1960, counting on a better climate for Forand-type legislation next year. Presidential hopefuls Hubert H. Humphrey, John F. Kennedy and Wayne Morse all have introduced bills embodying the Forand concept, and Stuart Symington has endorsed it.

Proposal Hit

The Administration, after several months of study, announced its own proposal May 4, but the plan for federal-state grants outlined by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming created almost as much uproar as was generated earlier by the Forand plan. Although there was much favorable comment, a significant bloc of opposition to the plan quickly developed, both among Forand bill supporters and within the GOP's own ranks.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York (R) said the plan could result in a "very serious fiscal situation." Rockefeller said he favored a program under the Social Security system. Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), spokesman for an important group of GOP conservatives in Congress and the nation, said the Flemming plan could be "dressed up, painted, pictured as voluntary" but it was nevertheless "socialized medicine."

Meanwhile, AFL-CIO President George Meany said the plan evidently had been "shaped to meet the political demands of an election year" and was not a sound solution. President Louis M. Orr of the American Medical Assn. said neither the Forand nor Administration proposals met the needs of low-income aged.

The question remains, therefore, whether something can be worked out that is palatable both to the Democratic Congress and the White House. For both parties, the answer has large political implications: the Nation's 16 million aged represent a sizable potential voting bloc in November that might be satisfied with the explanation, "We tried."

Bills Compared

The Administration and Democratic plans both would run up a federal or federal-state bill in excess of \$1 billion annually, which is ample recognition on both sides of the magnitude of the problem. However, they differ so fundamentally in philosophical approach that they are difficult to reconcile.

The Democrats want to use the Social Security mechanism on grounds that it makes the most efficient use of the dollar and provides a long-term solution, self-sustained by specific payroll taxes levied for the purpose. They point out that the return per dollar premium from commercial policies is only 48.6 cents in benefits, compared to 94.7 cents from nonprofit plans. The difference reflects advertising, taxes, profits and salesmen's salaries and commission.

The Forand bill would provide necessary hospital surgery, up to 120 days of hospital and subsequent nursing home care with the hospital portion limited to 60 days. It would be financed by an increase of one-quarter of 1 percent in Social Security payroll taxes for both employers and employees. Those receiving benefits would include 11.6 million oldsters eligible for Social Security and 4.2 million others less than 65 years old but also covered by Social Security.

The Administration fears the Democratic plan would effectively kill all private insurance efforts in the aged category, and proposes instead a two-part program that would throw part of the burden on the states and leave room for private insurance and perhaps stimulate it.

The Administration plan would require, as one part of its program, that states which choose to participate set up a "Medicare Program for the Aged," under which eligible persons would pay a \$24 yearly fee and in turn would be entitled to a comprehensive program of benefits, including 180 days of hospital care, a full year of nursing home care, surgery, doctors' and dentists' fees, drugs and a number of other services.

All these benefits would be subsidized directly by federal and state grants, except that the plan would not cover the first \$250 of expenses (\$400 for couples) and would cover only 80 per cent of the cost of the various services provided. Aged persons on public assistance would be given free coverage.

In addition to this plan, participating states would be required at the same time to give eligible persons the alternative of buying a private insurance policy meeting specifications set up by the state, in which case federal and state grants would be used to subsidize half the premium payments up to a maximum subsidy of \$60 annually.

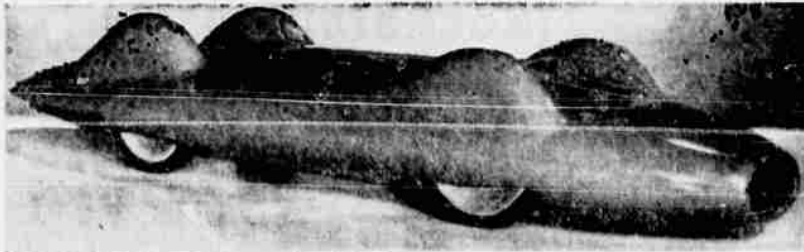
An estimated 12,000,000 persons—all those over 65 who did not pay taxes the previous year, or whose combined incomes (including Government retirement pensions) did not exceed \$2,500 (\$3,800 for a couple)—would be eligible under the Administration program.

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Oregon Girls Given Nisei Scholarships

Salem—UPI—Jerry Norio Uyeda of Roosevelt high school in Portland and Janet Allison, Sherwood high school, have been awarded \$150 Oregon Nisei war memorial scholarships for 1960.

Two such scholarships are awarded annually. The scholarship fund was established by Japanese-Americans in memory of Oregon Nisei soldiers who died in World War II.



MODEL RACER—This is a model of the \$3 million gas turbine car in which Donald Campbell will attempt to set a new world land speed record. Campbell, world speed champion on water, will try for the land record at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. The announcement said the car, named the "Bluebird," was capable of speeds up to 500 miles per hour. The current world land speed record is 394.196 mph, set by the late John Cobb at Bonneville in 1947. (UPI Telephoto)

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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4-H NEWS

Little Chefs

The last meeting of the Little Chefs Cooking class was called to order by Terry Calhoun, president, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The meeting was held at the home of Suzie Elliot. After the meeting five girls went to Linda Pickell's home and five girls stayed at Suzie's home.

We all made a one layer white cake and judged them. Judy Murphy's cake took first place, Marlene Muguier's cake took second place, and Dianne Davy's cake took third place.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Cheryl Beck, Reporter.

Portland—UPI—Northwest Natural Gas company has announced plans to issue 60,000 shares of preferred stock with par value of \$100 a share to finance expansion.

Oregon Urged To Get Off Defensive

Portland—UPI—Gerald W. Frank, chairman of the governor's advisory committee to the Department of Planning and Development, says Oregonians should stop going on the defensive the moment they note the population of neighboring Washington.

He told the Oregon Colleges Foundation Tuesday that the state's inferiority complex has been a stumbling block in its drive to promote industrial expansion.

Frank said there were too many people who looked down their noses at the recent sharp growth in Oregon's expanding distribution operations and too many who think that with a mere 1.8 million population the state will "maybe in a few years have a market."

Ryegrass Growers Defeat Commission

Salem—UPI—The State Agriculture Department said today that Oregon ryegrass seed growers have lost their bid to form a commodity commission by a slim margin.

A little more than 62 per cent of the vote was in favor of formation of the commission but two-thirds are required. The vote was 522 for and 312 against.

The department conducted the vote by mail ballot.

Los Angeles—UPI—Beverly Aadland, 17, startled a quiet juvenile courtroom Tuesday by renouncing her mother and saying she wanted to "go on the road" as an entertainer.

MARINE MAN DIES
New York—UPI—F. Porter Gore, 74, chairman of the board of Francis C. Carr-Fox & Pier Inc., Marine Insurance Co., died Tuesday.

'HANG' KHRUSHCHEV
Cedar Rapids, Iowa—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was hanged in effigy Tuesday. Police said a "well-stuffed" dummy was found

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Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Paris—White House press secretary James C. Hagerty, discussing the reaction of the Western Big Three to the collapse of the summit conference:

"I would say the mood not only of the President but of all the Allied leaders is one of complete disgust at the attitude of the Soviet delegation here in Paris."

Los Angeles—Beverly Aadland, quoted by her attorneys as testifying she does not need to be placed in a county home for wayward girls:

"I'm a good girl, not a bad girl. If I knew two years ago what I know now, none of this would have happened."

Hollywood—Screen writer Irving Samson Gellgud, arrested on charges of making a false bomb report on an airliner, protesting that all he meant to do was tell a stewardess his valise was full of photo equipment:

"I said: 'Be careful. That's loaded with sensitive instruments.' Then I'm suddenly arrested."

Frankfurt, Germany—U.S. Army Sgt. Jarvis A. Wheeler, rescued after being lost for a week in the Libyan desert:

"I knew that someplace in the world you could go up and drink as much water as you wanted to. It was good to be back in the world again."

Other Conferences Hurt by Failure

Paris—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's summit wrecking may jeopardize the two East-West arms conferences at Geneva, top American authorities said today.

They said the West would make every effort to continue the three-power nuclear test ban and the ten-power disarmament talks, but a successful conclusion will be far more difficult now.

Oregon Teachers Get Fellowships

New York—UPI—Summer fellowships in journalism have been granted 21 high school teachers in Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

The fellowships were under a \$180,000 donation by the Wall Street Journal to pay grants for 340 teachers in 49 states.

The Newspaper Fund, Inc., announced the grants today.

The program was initiated in 1959. It is designed to bring more talented young people into journalism.

Those from Oregon include: Melvin Albert Jones, Canas Valley, University of Oregon; Willard O. Mohr, Coquille, University of Oregon; Gene Rosaschi, Glide; University of Minnesota; Joseph Thomas Kovach, Portland; Madison high school, University of Oregon; Keith A. Pierce, Portland; Jefferson high school, University of Oregon; Harry W. Linker, Rockaway, University of Oregon; Robert J. McWheeters, Sandy, University of Oregon.

DISPERSE STUDENTS

Izmir, Turkey—UPI—Police today dispersed 500 to 600 student demonstrators demanding the resignation of Premier Adnan Menderes. Eight of the students who formed in front of the governor's office were detained.

Elmo Smith Sees Enthusiasm by GOP

Salem—UPI—Former governor Elmo Smith of Albany, a candidate for the United States senate, said here Tuesday night at a political rally that the Republicans in Oregon have shown more enthusiasm and willingness to work during this year's political campaign that he has ever seen before.

Smith has visited more than two-thirds of the counties in Oregon during this year's campaign.

Highway Commission To Open Project Bids

Salem—UPI—The State Highway Commission today added another project in a call for bids on projects costing more than \$7,300,000. Bids on 21 projects will be opened here June 1.

The project added today is one for dredging the Astoria ferry channel. About 3,000 feet of channel dredging is involved.

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