

\$13 Million Federal-State Medical Care Program Recommended

Disapproval of Government Seen As Possibility

Salem—UPI—The Governor's Advisory Committee on Medical Care for the Aged Wednesday unanimously recommended a \$13 million federal-state medical care program in Oregon beginning July 1, 1961.

But the program appears overshadowed by the possibility that the federal government may not approve it because it includes the use of deductibles and co-insurance. The committee said in its report to Gov. Mark Hatfield that the State Welfare Commission is asking the U.S. Department of Health, Educa-

tion and Welfare about this phase — an integral part of the committee's proposal. An adverse decision by the federal government would re-

quire complete reconsideration of Oregon's proposal, especially the eligibility formula, scope of benefits and method of providing them.

The report also noted that amendments to the federal law are probable in the next Congress but concluded that Oregon should proceed with participation anyway.

Legislation Recommended
The committee recommended emergency legislation in 1961 that would make Oregon law conform with the federal law enabling the state to establish its medical care program.

The Oregon Public Welfare Commission would administer the program.

The program at \$6.5 million a year would include \$3,250,000 in state and county funds and the rest federal. Share of the counties would be \$850,000.

Purpose of the program would be to provide medical care help for those over 65 not on public welfare.

Doctor Services Included
The committee said at least half of Oregon's 185,000 persons over 65 should be eligible for some benefits.

Benefits would include all necessary physicians' services with a \$100 per case deduct-

ible and a \$2,000 a year maximum. All eligible persons would have the option of buying or continuing a health insurance policy and the state would pay up to \$8.73 a month toward the cost. This would be in lieu of receiving direct payments from the welfare commission.

Disapproval Heard
The proposal is one which the committee fears the federal government may disapprove.

The committee asked 12 state agencies and organiza-

tions to make comments and suggestions on the proposal and Chairman Joseph Harvey Jr., Portland, said replies indicated general approval of the plan.

The committee said the plan should provide flexibility needed to accommodate future legislation and that it will give private voluntary health insurance agencies "an opportunity to assist in supplying medical coverage to this important segment of our population."

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PRESIDENT RELAXES—A&P President Ralph Burger relaxes atop a turn-of-the-century bulk tea bin similar to those from which he made up customer orders 49 years ago when he started with the big food chain. (UPI Telephone)

Buying Red Pepper Led to Presidency Of Big Food Chain

New York—UPI—Ralph W. Burger was delivering furniture for \$7 a week when he went into a Glens Falls, N.Y., grocery store one wintry day for some red pepper to keep his feet warm.

He struck up a friendship with Charley Reilly, the manager of that A & P store, and went to work for him "because Charley Reilly would pay me \$9 a week."

That was in 1911. Thirty-nine years later, in 1950, Burger became president of the giant grocery chain.

Reilly, sensing the abilities of his new young employee, recommended within a few months that he be transferred to the firm's headquarters office, then in Jersey City, N.J.

Worked as Bookkeeper
There Burger went to work as a bookkeeper, working closely with John and George Hartford, sons of the A & P's founder. Young Burger had had no particular training for this work. He had gone through public schools and spent one year at Wesleyan University, failing to complete the training his mother had hoped would make him a minister. But he learned quickly.

The company was growing rapidly under the plan evolved by John Hartford of a chain of cash and carry economy stores. New stores were opening at the rate of 1,000 a year.

Recalls First Advice
Burger recalls today the first advice given him by John Hartford: "Never do anything in a hurry. And always listen to the voice of experience." It has proved good advice, Burger said. "In these days we often seem too prone to act in haste and impulsively, without balancing action against past experience and without weighing the consequences of our actions."

Burger is a constant doodler. His scribbles have never been analyzed, he said, but "all of them seem to consist of straight lines, as straight as I can make them. I hope that indicates I'm interested in the shortest distance between two points; maybe, I am, because that's been a constant aim of our food distribution business ever since I've been in it."

store "as local as possible," conforming architecturally to its neighborhood as well as basing its store hours and purchasing on local custom.

Funds for Research
Burger also is president and a trustee of the John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., to which the Hartford brothers who were his early associates left the bulk of their personal fortunes, with the direction that it be used to do "the greatest good for the greatest number." It is currently devoting most of its funds, annual grants of nearly \$4 million a year, to medical research and practice.

Burger, now in his 70s, white haired and erect, spends his long week end holidays with his wife at an Adirondack Mountain hideout where they swim, ski and climb mountains. A favorite sport is visiting rangers in Adirondack fire towers, and Burger figures he's climbed the stairs to about one-third of those in New York state.

He's no longer keeping his feet warm with red pepper. But that old-time remedy, suggested by his Glens Falls boarding house keeper, "definitely did the trick of keeping my feet warm," he said.

Planting Bids On BLM Seedling Projects Opened

Portland—UPI—Bids for planting 2,249,500 seedlings in U.S. Bureau of Land Management reforestation projects have been opened by the BLM here.

Apparent low bidders were Eugene area, 294,500 seedlings, Tree Farm Management Service, Forest Planning Service, and Fred Heinz of Salem.

Cos Bay, 197,000 seedlings, Wayne Young.
Roseburg, 926,000 seedlings, Wayne Young, Elton Zuver, L. A. Young, Snow Reforestation Service.
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Officials at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, where the first such successful transplant surgery was performed six years ago, said the double surgery involving removal of a healthy kidney from one girl and its installation in the second twin took more than six hours. The operation required the services of surgical teams of 10 members each.

11th Transplant
In the operation, a healthy kidney was transplanted from Lana Nightingale to her sister, Johanna. The surgery was attempted because Johanna suffers from chronic kidney disease.

It was the 11th time the transplant has been performed here between identical twins. They were the youngest participants to undergo the surgery pioneered here.

The official hospital statement said the girls "withstood kidney transplant operative procedure satisfactorily" but cautioned that the announcement "does not include a prognosis for success at this time."

The statement added that it will be "several days or longer before the function of the new kidney can be evaluated."

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