

# Trends Toward U.S. Socialism Cited in Rotary Club Talk

Trends toward socialism in recent years in the U.S., through the New Deal, the Fair Deal and now the New Frontier, were cited here Tuesday by Dr. Edwin Durno in an address before the Medford Rotary club.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club, the former representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional district warned against the steady increase in the power of big government.

Dr. Durno, in discussing his "Impressions of Washington, D. C.," said he suffered political bumps and bruises but looked back upon his congressional experience objectively and without rancor.

Free enterprise started in Jamestown and with the Pilgrims after the experiment of communal living had utterly failed. The experience of early-day Americans proved the axiom that those who are governed best are those who are governed least.

Money and power and inseparable, Dr. Durno emphasized. The mounting national budget and increasing drain upon American taxpayers keep pace with the growing power of central government at Washington.

Medicare tied to social security is dangerous, he said. It is unwise and unfair to saddle the staggering responsibility of medical care for elderly people upon the financially-pressed young work force of this country.

Big Government in the U.S., owners of one-third of all the land area and with one of every six persons on its payroll, is continually forcing local and state taxes up so that federal funds may be matched in various programs and projects.

The United Nations must be reorganized, Dr. Durno told Rotarians. The Peace Corps program is a fine approach to grass roots foreign aid, but that must be kept free of politics to return the maximum benefits.

Taxes will not go down, the value of the U. S. dollar is going to be less, wages will increase, Durno predicted.

It behooves Americans to become enlightened concern-

ing government problems so that the right men will be elected to office. This type of good citizenship is not a party responsibility but instead the job of every loyal freedom-loving American. One of the best steps in this direction is to carefully watch and study the voting record of those who hold responsible positions in government.

## Summer Demands Larger Heaters

Heat, humidity and a more active life make frequent bathing and showering a must in the months ahead — this in turn means an increased use of hot water.

This, of course adds to the strain placed on the water heating equipment during warm weather. Also added are larger family washings resulting from vigorous outdoor activity and the fact that most summer apparel can be worn only once.

As a result the inadequacy of much of the existing water heating equipment becomes evident during the summer. **Minimum Size**

Not too many years ago a 20-gallon water heater was considered big enough for the average family. More recently, 30-gallon water heaters have become the minimum size.

Today, with the increasing demand for hot water in the typical American home; with larger families and more bathrooms, the 30-gallon heater is generally not big enough for the job in many homes.

Now 40 and 50-gallon heaters are more common, especially in those homes using automatic washers.

**Number of Farms Now on Decrease**

Washington—UPI—The number of farms in the nation last year declined three per cent to 3,688,000, according to agricultural department figures. This number is nearly two million less than in 1950. Department experts look for another drop this year to 3,580,000 farms.



**CUTTING STONE**—Featuring semi-precious stones from the Rogue River valley and other sections, jade from northern California and agates found near and around the Veterans Administration holdings (part of which was known to the native Indians as Agate Desert), the annual domiciliary Hobby Fair, April 20 and 21 welcomes the public. Here Charles Coleman, experienced "rock hound" cuts stone on modern saw donated by the Oregon State Elks association through Emil B. Kroeger, Ashland, representative.

## County Residents Pay \$7.5 Million For Medical Care

How much do residents of Jackson county spend a year for medical, dental and hospital care? What is their annual health bill, taking into account the amount they spend for health insurance?

According to recent studies, made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and by the University of Michigan, the cost is going up rapidly in the local area and in most other sections of the country.

Because of the higher prices, especially for hospital care, the millions of Americans who see doctors, buy drugs or go to the hospital each month are finding that their health dollar is buying two-thirds as much as it did 10 years ago.

**County Expenditures**

In Jackson county, on the basis of the latest figures, the out-of-pocket expenditures for medical care amount to approximately \$88 per person per year, or 5.4 per cent of net income.

About 68 per cent of this represents direct payments and the remainder the cost of health insurance.

In line with the rising prices that have been noted nationally, the current ex-

penses locally compare with \$74 per capita 10 years ago. These sums apply merely to private expenditures for health care. They do not include government outlays or medical care provided through private charity.

**Becoming More Expensive**

The Social Security Administration finds that all categories of medical care are becoming more expensive. In the period of one year, hospital care in the United States went up 9.8 per cent, nursing - home care, 8.9 per cent, payments to physicians, 6.5 per cent, and eyeglasses, hearing aids and other appli-

cances, 2.3 per cent. The net cost of health insurance, meaning the difference between the amount paid for insurance and the benefits paid by the carriers, increased 15.7 per cent.

**Device Can 'Pick' Computer's Brain**

Akron, Ohio—UPI—A device that can "pick" an electronic computer's brain up to 100 times faster than conventional searching has been developed by Goodyear Aircraft corporation.

# Status of Congressional Bills

Washington—UPI—Status of major legislation:

**Income Taxes** — President asking rate reductions and some income-boosting revisions to give a net cut of \$10.3 billion in individual and corporate rates over three years. House — Hearings completed, Ways and Means committee resumes closed door consideration last week of April. Senate — Awaiting House action.

**Mass Transit**—Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House — Banking committee approved bill, awaiting Rules committee clearance. Senate — Approved \$375 million program.

**Education** — Kennedy requested \$5.3 billion across-the-board school aid program. House — Education committee hearings under way. Senate — Nothing scheduled.

**Health Insurance** — President wants hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through social security. House — Ways and Means committee hearings expected this summer. Senate — Awaiting House action.

**Foreign Aid** — Administration is asking \$4.5 billion. House — Foreign Affairs committee hearings underway. Senate — Nothing scheduled yet.

**Medical Schools** — Administration asked long range construction aid for medical-dental schools, loans to students. House — Committee-approved \$237-million, three-year bill slated for floor ac-

tion April 23. Senate — nothing scheduled.

**Military Pay** — Administration proposed \$1,238,526,000 annual pay and benefit increases for nation's 2,700,000 servicemen, 900,000 reservists and 411,000 retired military men. House — Bill approved by Armed Services committee would cost \$47 million less, deny increases for those men (632,000 draftees and enlistees) who are serving their first two years. Senate — Nothing scheduled.

**Youth Employment** — Kennedy asking new \$100 million youth conservation corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; Home town youth corps for local civic projects. House — Education committee has approved. Senate — Passed.

**Domestic Peace Corps** — President will ask for new organization of skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to Peace Corps projects abroad. House — Nothing scheduled. Senate — Nothing scheduled.

**Mental Health** — Administration wants five-year, \$717 million program for community mental health centers; research and treatment on mental retardation. House — Commerce committee hearings completed. Senate — Labor and Public Welfare subcommittee hearings com-

pleted.

**Civil Rights** — President asking speedup in voting suits, more protection of Negro voting rights, extension of civil rights commis-

sion. House — Judiciary com-

mittee hearings start May 8. Senate — Nothing scheduled.

**Cotton** — Administration asking relaxation of planting restrictions and new subsidies to provide cheaper cotton for U. S. textile mills which now pay more for American fiber than foreign users. House — Hearings completed, administration, industry and growers nearing final agreement on terms of compromise package. Senate — Nothing scheduled.

**Feed Grains** — Kennedy wants to continue the program of paying farmers to hold down surplus corn and other feed grain production. House — Two-year extension approved by Agriculture committee. Senate — Awaiting House action.

**Silver** — To combat shortage of silver for coins administration asked authority to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills. House — Passed. Senate — Nothing scheduled.

**Draft** — Kennedy asked four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft. House and Senate approved; bill has been signed into law.

## Appliance Finishes Restored by Cleaner

New York—UPI—Whether you prefer the new pastel shades in kitchen appliances or remain loyal to ever-popular white, one color that's out of place anywhere is the dingy, yellowish film deposited by cooking fumes.

If the fumes have done their dirty work in your kitchen, heed the advice of an appliance manufacturer who suggests restoring a like-new finish with a creamy wax-type cleaner. This contains mild solvents to remove stains and dirt film. At the same time, it puts down a thin, hard shield of wax that retards soiling and makes it easier to wipe off spills.

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