



SANTA GETS A BIG HAND here this year from the Salvation Army and friends who aided the charitable church organization in gathering toys for distribution to some youngsters whom Santa might miss. Above, Youth Director Richard Smith (left) and Maj. Jack Little (right) check over inventory. Many used toys were repaired by Salvation Army workers.

Special Commission Says U.S. Health Needs Can Be Met by Outlay of Cash for Training, Research

By FRANK CAREY AP Science Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gold cash appears to be the main prescription of President Truman's special health commission for curing the nation's "demonstrable, well-documented health needs."

In reporting such needs last week after a year-long survey, the commission indirectly laid some of the blame at the door of the medical profession.

But it also strongly implied that society as a whole is largely responsible for the situation and should bear the brunt of correction—principally by designing deeper in- to its governmental and private pocketbooks.

The criticism of doctors and allied health personnel included allegations that:

1. There are over-all organizational deficiencies in the way these professional people apply their combined skills.
2. Some doctors are guilty of what the report called such "reprehensible conduct" as fee-splitting.
3. Family doctors and specialists are too often in "isolation" from one another and so do not coordinate their skills for the best

interests of the patient.

4. The medical profession hasn't made completely adequate provision for the continued, up-to-the-minute education of the family doctor after he sets up practice, although sometimes individual doctors are themselves to blame.
5. The medical schools aren't giving enough emphasis in their general training to matters concerning the physical and emotional development of mothers and children.
6. Annual health examinations of school children are too often performed in perfunctory fashion by school doctors.

But the report implied that the heart of the nation's health problem lies outside the health professions themselves—and that its solution lies in the public providing financial support for:

1. Training more doctors, dentists, nurses and other health workers—and encouraging their more equitable distribution throughout the nation.
2. Building more hospitals, particularly in rural and other areas reportedly short in them.
3. Spurring medical research, especially against such things as cancer and mental illness.

4. Putting medical and hospital care on a prepaid insurance basis for everyone, with federal and state governments teaming up to help people who can't pay for their own insurance or can only pay part of it.
5. Making such a prepayment system cover all phases of medical and hospital care. (The commission says some of the present prepayment plans, while having the funds to encourage treatment of some patients on an out-patient basis, "make it almost mandatory for a patient to assume a horizontal position before receiving medical care in a hospital.")
6. Encouraging the organization of doctors and other health workers into team-like "groups" in all parts of the country—a system which the commission contends would go far towards meeting the country's health needs.

In general, the report said, "the diagnosis and treatment of disease are quite well done in this country. The fact that these skills are unavailable to many people constitutes the main problem."

As examples of how it contends the nation is presently falling down on the job, the commission cites these:

1. Last year, the total national expenditure for medical research was 180 million dollars—which the commission said was less than the amount spent on building monuments and tombstones.
2. "In rural areas, recipients of public assistance often get secondary care from the standpoint both of medical science and human dignity. The system of poorly paid 'county physicians' still in vogue in many parts of the country is a medical shame."
3. In its criticism of doctors, the commission said sometimes a patient is led to believe his family doctor performs a surgery whereas he actually hires another doctor to do the job after the patient has been anesthetized on the operating table.
4. The commission offered no evidence of its own regarding such practices. But it said top-flight organizations within the medical profession had called attention to such things periodically and had routinely rebuked them as unethical.
5. Here is a digest of some of the findings with regard to the nation's health conditions as outlined by the commission:

1. Disabled people—Some two million of the nation's total of disabled people could be placed in employment or more productive work if there were sufficient rehabilitation programs in effect, employing teams of experts.
2. Chronic diseases—Long-duration illnesses like cancer, tuberculosis, rheumatism and heart disease account for about 1 1/2 billion dollars in public expenditures annually for medical and hospital services—

facilities, or are otherwise deficient.

6. Child health — "Enormous gains" have been made in the prevention and cure of disease in children—but "there remain many deficiencies in health services to the children of this nation."

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Eskimos See Santa First

BARROW, Alaska (AP)—The Eskimos of this tiny village on the edge of the polar ice pack are putting the final touches on preparations for their Christmas celebration.

Barrow, the farthest north community under the American flag. Since it is so close to the North Pole, children here believe that Santa pays them his first call when he sets out to distribute presents all over the world.

Early Christmas Eve, Santa Claus (in the person of Joe Sig-naynyak, who'll be wearing a red suit with a pillow under it) will slide down a rope from a hole

in the roof of the mission building. After he distributes presents to all the children of the village, the yule celebration will open. It probably will last until New Year's Day.

There'll be caroling, feasting, the exchange of presents and just about everything that goes with Christmas in the United States.

By tradition, all villagers will blossom out in new clothes—gaily printed snow covers to go over fur parkas, new fur trousers with beadwork and gaily decorated footwear called mukluks, which have walrus hide soles and reindeer uppers.

State Roads In Good Shape

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's road conditions were improved Tuesday with no snow reported in the state, but chains should be carried in the Government Camp, Timberline and Warm Springs Junction areas.

The Highway Commission reported dry spots on roads at Eugene, Medford, Redmond, Lapine, Baker and Ontario.

All other points reported highways either bare or sanded.

The commission also issued the following weekly summary of construction delays:

In the little church children's voices will be heard singing Christmas carols. A stranger would recognize the tunes, but not the words.

At Christmas feasts, Eskimos will eat roast meat and ice cream. The roast will be whale meat. The ice cream is an Eskimo delicacy made by mixing blueberries in seal oil and cooling the mixture in snow.

For a week, dog-team racing, foot races, dancing and Eskimo games will continue almost 24 hours a day.

Corvallis-Newport Highway — Construction for 3.2 miles on Newport-Tule section.

Ochoco — Grading for 10 miles west of Mitchell, rough.

Columbia River — Construction Cascade Locks to Hood River.

Pacific — Construction on Medford-Ashtland section.

Coast — Grading for 7.25 miles south of Reedsport.

John Day — Construction for 8 miles on Silves section.

Enterprise-Lewiston — Grading and surfacing on Enterprise-Flora section.

Umpqua — Grading 2.15 miles on Reedsport-Dean Creek section.

Heppner — Construction 21 miles on Lena-Nye section.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Dan Dailey of the films has announced plans to marry the estranged wife of comedian Keenan Wynn next month after she obtains a Mexican divorce.

Dailey said he and Mrs. Wynn have been going together for four months and that they met through a mutual interest in horses.

Mrs. Wynn, the former Betty Jane Butler, has been separated from her husband for two years.

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Daze Gone; Tufts is Back to Earth

By ERSKINE JOHNSON
HOLLYWOOD (NEA) — Exclusively Yours: Another one of Hollywood's rollicking, headline-happy kids — Sonny Tufts — has straightened himself out and taken a bulldog grip on his career.

Back in Hollywood after a year and a half of movie and stage emoting in England and shuddering at memories of his goggle-water daze, Sonny told me:

"I'm a quiet boy now living a healthy life. I really can't explain why I got so mixed up. It was a conflict of circumstances — partly personal. I was an unhappy character."

While overseas, Tufts starred in "The Gift Horse" for a London film company and toured the British Isles for 22 weeks in a play which won him critical bouquets. He returns to London in April for another film, but meanwhile will concentrate on movie and TV acting in Hollywood.

Out on himself, for viewing Jan. 29 on Four-Star Playhouse . . . Hollywood vocal coach Will Donaldson, father of former child star Ted Donaldson, suffered a heart attack.

They're smarting over at Fox about a dig at Clifton Webb on one of Milton Berle's recent TV stanzas.

It will be a real switch on the usual Academy Award situation if the parents of a movie star win an Oscar. It could happen for Dale Eunson and Katherine Albert, parents of Joan Evans, for their original story and script of the new Bette Davis film, "The Star."

Printed reports of Clark Gable's bow out at MGM after "Mogambo" are denied by the studio. His contract doesn't expire until 1953.

"The Phantom From Space" has a new switch on science-fiction romance. An invisible hero who makes love to heroine Noreen Nash . . . Mary Martin, working in "Main Street to Broadway" in New York, is confiding to Hollywood pals that she'll probably never return to movietown for another film. Her next Manhattan play will be "Kind Sir," opposite Charles Boyer.

It's comedian Jan Murray's definition: "A wolf is a guy who handles girls with cad gloves."

Negotiations between U-I and the widow of John McCormack on a screen biography of the late Irish-American tenor have broken down. Mrs. McCormack wanted

The new Judy Garland version of "A Star Is Born" will bear little resemblance to the Frederic March-Janet Gaynor original. Instead of the hero being a matinee idol, he will be a lowbrow, knock-about comedy star.

After three months of weekly telefilm production, Joan Davis is waiting. "A Star Is Born."

Ronald Coleman's set for another telefilm, "The Man Who Walked

Driver Test In Chiloquin

Drivers license examinations are to be conducted at Chiloquin, Dec. 26, 1 to 7 p.m., according to Examiner Ray Clark.

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