

Herald and News

Editorial Page

Dismal Prospect

The bill providing for health care for the elderly which has been introduced in this Congress varies from the Medicare bill of last year only in minor details. It would bring everyone drawing social security benefits under the federal tent—whether or not they wanted or needed the aid.

Administration estimates place the cost at \$5.6 billion over a four-year period—and that is hardly pin money, particularly when looked at in the light of current budget and tax problems. Other estimates, from informed sources, place the possible figure at twice that sum.

Peter Edson, a well known Washington columnist, provides an interesting footnote to the proposal. An effort is being made to get rid of the name Medicare, which is in obvious bad odor in and out of Congress, and to substitute a term such as "hospital insurance."

But social security is not insurance in any accepted sense of the term—and the Internal Revenue Service itself is authority for that statement. In the case of an Amish farmer who refused to make his social security payments on the grounds it was insurance, the IRS ruled that it was a tax. And it seized and sold the farmer's horses in order to meet the tax.

That aside, the American Medical Association News does a good job of summing up the grave faults in the bill in these words: "It would lower the quality of health care, it would lead to the decline of voluntary health insurance and prepayment plans, it would take another bite out of the take-home pay of America's wage-earners to provide benefits for millions who can well afford to take care of themselves, and it would impose government controls on medical practice."

It would be hard to think of a more dismal prospect than that.

Labor's Modern Day Voice

(Oregon Farm Bureau Paper)

The editorial from the AFL-CIO Labor Press of March 8, 1963, reprinted in the center columns of this page should give farmers a pretty good idea of where they stand. Obviously perturbed over the Farm Bureau's activities in the legislature, the inaccurate and ridiculous rantings of the giant labor organization contradicts its own argument.

Farmers have made more progress in man-hour production than any other segment of the economy, had they not, and had the nation's farmers been operating on the "slow down, strikes, less production" theory of the labor unions for the past 20 years, a powerful lot of labor people would not be eating.

The modern-day labor unions on the other hand are still holding to a 1913 law requiring an extra brakeman on diesel trains, even though there is nothing for them to do. This is characteristic of the logic and practical programs of labor.

It is the labor unions who seek government work programs and feather-bedding laws along with extravagant welfare programs designed to keep people off the labor market. It is they who seek state monopolies in such things as workmen's compensation and unemployment at the expense of the employer.

It is organized labor and its bedfellow farm organizations who insist on lavish and often foolish government farm programs designed to establish prices from the edicts in

Washington. It is they, the leaders of the labor movement, who apparently despise the capitalistic economic system and are working mightily to replace it with government bureaucrats elected and paid for by organized labor.

The phony reasoning displayed in the AFL-CIO editorial is the type of diatribe which has brought on mutiny within their own ranks.

A new publication called RANK AND FILE is now being published in Portland by dissenters from the labor ranks. The publication is edited and published by labor union members who have had enough of the radical programs aimed at destroying the economy of this country.

The AFL-CIO in Oregon is opposed to a balanced budget for the nation's or state's economy. They believe in spending more public money for welfare, education, public works, and just about anything else you can name. They could care less about your tax dollars to satisfy the insatiable appetite of the labor union leaders. Their obvious goal is power to control your life and mine to the end that we cannot work without a nod from an impersonal dictator backed by billions of dollars in dues taken from the laboring men of the nation.

Giles French, editor of the Sherman County Journal, said it best in the fewest words when he stated, "It wouldn't be so bad if the labor unions only wanted to return to the 18th century... but they are trying to take us back to the days of Nero."

Where Does One Begin and the Other End?



By SYDNEY J. HARRIS

Purely Personal Prejudices: It is the most common of delusions to think that if we had only one thing more—better health, more money, another love-life—we could then be happy; and the bitterest poison is preserved for those who attain this goal, and then find that... there is one thing more needed.

The language of most advertising bears no relation to human speech, and that is why it takes so much repetition and volume to get through to human ears; like the phrase on the jar of jelly I was eating from at breakfast today: "Fresh Fruit Good." What person has ever said to himself, "Mm-mm, this jelly is fresh fruit good?"

Those who insist that we must act like the Russians in order to "beat" the Russians (whatever that can mean these days) ought to ponder the remark of George Orwell: "I always disagree when people end by saying that we can only combat Communism. Fascism or whatnot if we develop an equal fanaticism—for it appears to me that one defeats the fanatic precisely by not being a fanatic oneself, but on the contrary by using one's intelligence."

(As illustration, it must be added, Orwell pointed out that "A man can kill a tiger because he is not like a tiger, and uses his brain to invent the rifle, which no tiger could ever do.")

Unless the encroachments of age are blurring my judgment, it seems that the quality of airlines stewardesses has been

gradually deteriorating since I first became a regular patron more than 20 years ago; at that time, they were sharp, competent and personable; nowadays the smiles are as bright and the legs as trim, but that's all.

More confusion is caused by the word "flesh" in the Bible than by almost any other; when we are warned against "temptations of the flesh" we take it to mean physical temptations, but this is not at all what St. Paul had in mind, as any theologian will tell you.

Likewise, most people would be astonished to learn the author of the merry couplet: "Who loves not women, wine and song—Remains a fool his whole life long." None other than the "strict" Martin Luther.

Lovers' quarrels are a way of testing their love, not repudiating it; they are a means of renewing love from the doubts, the apprehensions and the fears that are attendant upon passion; and unless the quarrels are too frequent or too fierce, they possess a self-healing quality.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—What is a popular tradition associated with the Glastonbury thorn?

A—It is said the thorn always blossomed at Christmas time until adoption of the Gregorian calendar. Some used this to contend the calendar should not have been changed.

Sweet Springtime

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Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Friday, April 5, the 95th day of 1963 with 270 to follow.

The moon is approaching full phase.

The morning stars are Venus and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars.

Those born today include Sir Joseph Lister, the English founder of modern antiseptic surgery, in 1827.

On this day in history:
In 1614, Pocahontas was married to English colonist John Rolfe.

In 1869, Daniel Bakeman, the last surviving soldier of the Revolutionary War, died at the age of 109.

WASHINGTON REPORT...

Republicans Gain In Southern Assemblies



By FULTON LEWIS JR.

Midway through the presidential campaign of 1960, a key member of the Nixon entourage told Florida Republicans: "We're not for a two-party system. We haven't got time for that blabber. We want Nixon in."

It was an attitude shared by too many Republicans. Members of the GOP National Committee, despite pious talk of building a "two-party South," were content to extend efforts every four years to electing a Republican President, and nothing else.

Today there is a significant change of attitude apparent at Republican headquarters. National Chairman Bill Miller has ordered Southern efforts stepped up. Lee Potter, the director of Operation Dixie, has been given the green light to win races, local and national, across the South.

And Florida voters last week went pollward to give the Republican Party its biggest Southern boost in history.

Republicans picked up eleven new seats in the State House, one in the State Senate. They swept Broward County, winning three seats there, picked up three more in Pinellas (St. Petersburg) County, one in Seminole County, one in Sarasota County, two in Palm Beach County, another two in Orange County.

In electing a Republican from Seminole County, voters did something that had not been accomplished since Reconstruction. In Pinellas County, voters chose the first woman Republican (Mary Grizzle) ever to serve at Tallahassee.

Gov. Farris Bryant, a Democrat, blamed the defeat on the failure of Democrats to vote. Mrs. Clare Williams, a Florida native who is assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, reads the results differently. She says that a large-scale exodus of Democrats to the Republican Party is underway.

She points to superior GOP organization in many parts of the state.

Mrs. Williams predicts the Republicans will pick up at least one seat in the U.S. House next year. She gives the GOP a fighting chance to take the Senate seat of Spessard Holland. Local gains, she says, will continue.

Throughout the South, further Republican advances are recorded. In Mississippi, where a GOP State legislator was elected earlier this year, Republicans have opened an all-out campaign to win the Governorship, up for grabs this fall.

Rubel Phillips, an articulate one-time Democrat, will carry the party's standard. State Senator Stanford Morse, a Democrat, has announced that he will run for Lieutenant Governor as a Republican.

Morse, who supported John Kennedy in 1960, is a prize GOP "catch." He now says the GOP is "the only possible course to free Mississippi from the ruthless domination of the Kennedys."

Mississippi Republicans have opened expanded State headquarters in Jackson, with field men operating throughout the state. The Democratic nominee for Governor is not yet known. Gov. Ross Barnett cannot succeed himself and Republicans hope to benefit from a split in Democratic ranks.

Lincoln Day dinners across the South drew well. In Little Rock, Ark., more than 300 turned out to hear Rep. Ed Foreman, 29-year-old Congressman from West Texas.

Foreman is typical of the new breed of Southern Republicans. Good-looking, articulate, Foreman campaigned for two years against Democrat "Slick" Rutherford, surprised the experts by winning handily. He attributes his victory to widespread acceptance of Goldwater conservative views.

BERRY'S WORLD



"We taught those Commies a lesson in Cuba by being strong and firm... and that's why we must be equally strong and firm in our resolve to dismantle our missile bases in Turkey and Italy..."

Other Editors' Opinions

Automation Study

(Oregon-Statesman, Salem)

Recent legislatures have spawned too many interim committees. They are expensive, especially under the new ground rules, with generous appropriations for employment of staff and expenses of members. So many interim reports come piling in just before a session convenes that few members have time to study them all. And usually they recommend so much legislation that it cannot get the attention it deserves.

These committees often perform valuable work; but the system would be more effective if there were fewer committees and those named stopped short of reforming the universe. Less money should be appropriated for interim committee work, but those authorized should have sufficient money to work on.

The subject comes to a head with Senate passage of a resolution to create an interim committee to study automation, with \$25,000 for spending money. The object would be to study the effects of automation in Oregon. The measure had the endorsement

ment of the Associated Oregon Industries and AFL-CIO.

Such a local attack on so enormous a subject looks like a waste of money. Automation is a national problem, and its receiving study from many organizations. An Oregon study would be so narrow, so ill-nourished as to be valueless.

Oregon will do much better to await the findings of national studies. Even then not very great reliance can be put on them because technological change is moving so rapidly. To illustrate: at the Village Green conference on this subject recently our panel was ready to recommend more education for technical skills. After we heard an address by an expert in the field we were quite bewildered over what kind of education to recommend for the age of automation.

Oregon will feel the effects of automation, but it lacks resources in the way of ample study materials in automated operations to develop an answer to the problems that are arising. The vote by which the resolution passed the Senate, 24 to 5, indicates an emotional reaction rather than one based on the practicalities of the situation.

THEY SAY...

Now we've arrived. We've had a hokkup—now we're mature.
—H. R. Bechtel, president, First Trust and Savings Bank, Davenport, Iowa, in wake of \$3,200 robbery.

free. The Red Army's newspaper Red Star just disclosed that two of Russia's top test pilots, Col. Peter Dolgov and Georgi Mossolov, were killed while testing new aircraft.

However, the Russians have as yet admitted no casualties in space. The mysterious disappearance of the first Soviet astronaut, Vladimir Iyushin, reported by this writer last April, was never cleared up by Moscow.

For reasons of their own, the Soviet leaders seem to have abandoned the old Stalinist pretense that Soviet aviation is accident