

NO COMMENT
By JAMES W. BOUTHAU

Washington — Give-away programs are not unpopular—not in election years. And the most popular—politically—in 1956 is in the field of so-called social security.

Look at the record.
First—A bill to provide disability benefits to persons over 50 and to reduce the retirement age of women to 62. Disability isn't defined. Total cost of the bill—estimated at \$600 million per year—would rise rapidly.

Second—Old age assistance started in 1936 as a transition, interim move to care for needy, aged folks not eligible for retirement insurance. It's now proposed to step up federal payments. Estimated cost—1957—\$185 million. Forty-six senators have endorsed it.

Third—Retirement for railroad workers—increased benefits—and income tax deduction for employee withholding tax contributions. Estimated cost to taxpayers—\$75 million plus higher payroll taxes on railroads. If extended to non-railroad employee contributions under social security, a natural extension cost to Uncle Sam and the general taxpayer—\$600 to \$755 million annually.

Fourth—Government employees. Liberalized retirement benefits proposed to cost over \$500 million annually. Concurrent proposals to raise compulsory retirement age above 70—while reducing retirement age of women (in private employment) to 62. This—despite the shocking revelation that government retirement fund now suffers \$13.5 billion deficit—according to House Appropriations Committee members—because of past failures to make agreed upon federal government contributions.

In 1945 it was expected that retirement benefits under social security would cost \$1.5 billion in 1960. Senate Finance Committee now estimates cost at over \$8 billion—due to past election-year benefit increases.

Shocked? So are many members of Congress and high administration officials.

Social security give-aways can block budget balance—right now a nip-and-tuck fight. Five major appropriation bills have passed the House. Totals—\$118 million more than budget requests. Increase due primarily to last year's deficits in appropriating necessary funds for government employees' retirement.

Conservatives in Congress believe a strong White House drive is essential to balance budget—including strong backing for Hoover Commission recommendations.

Mr. Eisenhower's announcement has strengthened his hand, but—and this is political—it has also increased the determination of spenders to prevent budget balance and tax reduction—two important presidential goals.

Bricker Amendment—Evidence of a strong, underlying sentiment in Congress against unrestricted international commitments appeared in Senate Judiciary Committee approval (11 to 2) of a revised version of the original Bricker amendment, defeated by one vote last year in the Senate. The new version, designed to gain White House approval, states that a provision of a treaty or agreement shall not be of any effect if it conflicts with

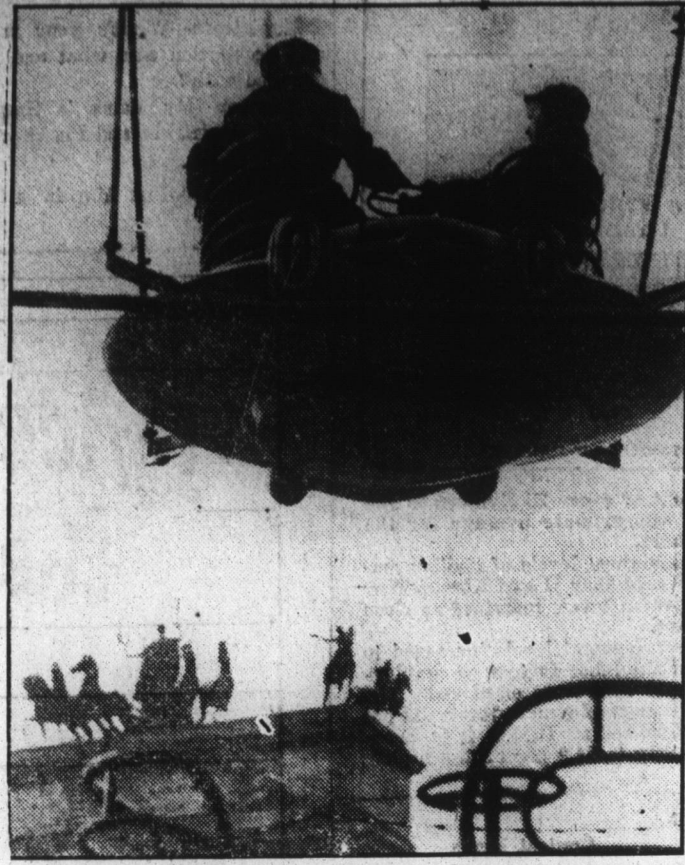


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any provision of the Constitution.

Supporters of the amendment believe it will pass the Senate easily if President Eisenhower either supports it or remains neutral. The President has expressed approval of the principle involved, but the State Department is still opposed to the legislation.

Atomic Energy—In spite of heavy spending by private industry to develop atomic power, public power and labor union groups are pressing for huge federal appropriations for construction of government-owned and operated plants. Meantime, Congress has been told that a grave threat to private industry development lies in back of catastrophe insurance. While experts say a major catastrophe is remote, admittedly the possibility exists. Inability to insure may seriously delay private development.

Bach's Masterpiece In Norfolk April 9th

One of the world's greatest masterpieces, Johann Sebastian Bach's "The Passion According to St. Matthew", will be presented April 9th at 8:15 P. M., in the Norfolk Arena Auditorium.

The event will bring together the forces of the Norfolk Civic Chorus and Symphony Orchestra with six outstanding guest artists, under Edgar Schenkman's direction, to present a highlight of the musical season.

Much interest is centered in the appearance of Stoddard Lincoln, Harpsichordist, of New York, who will combine with the Norfolk Symphony in providing the instrumental score for "The Passion". Mr. Lincoln will bring his own harpsichord from New York for the April performance.

Tickets are available at the

Arena box office beginning at 10 A. M., concert day. Advance reservations may be made by writing the Symphony office, 305 Flatiron Building, Norfolk 10, Virginia, or by calling MA 7-0069.

Weekly Devotional Column
By JAMES MacKENZIE

The most important event in the history of the world is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Upon this historical fact is built the Christian Church, the entire structure of Christian Doctrine, and the certain hope of the believer for eternal life. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Corinthians 15:14). If Christ be not risen from the dead, He is not the Son of God with power (Romans 1:4), life has no meaning, no purpose, either side of the grave; if Christ be not risen from the dead, the Christian Church is a hoax and a fraud. But now is Christ risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, seated at the

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right hand of the Father making intercession for us, coming again to receive us unto Himself. A well-known New York infidel tells us that all that is left of Jesus of Nazareth is a handful of dust in a Syrian tomb. Christians may ask him, "Where is the body?" They tell me that in some places today a man cannot be convicted of murder unless the dead body is produced; neither can any man accuse the Gospel writers of fraud unless he can produce the body. If Christ be not risen from the dead, why did not the Romans and Jewish authorities come forward with the dead body of Jesus? They did not because they could not. The alternative to accepting the fact of the Resurrection is to believe that a few demoralized, disheartened disciples, with the assistance of two women, overpowered the Roman soldiers detailed to guard the tomb, rolled away the heavy stone from the door, spirited away the body of Jesus (through a heavily populated area) and disposed of it in such a way that it was never discovered by His enemies, though they must have made a frenzied search. The Bible account of the Resurrection is much more credible. The Bible account even adds a touch of humor—when the Angel of the Lord had rolled away the stone from the door of the tomb, he demonstrated his scorn for this man-made attempt to shut up the Son of God by sitting upon it! (Matthew 28:2).

If Christ be not risen from the dead, where was His body? Had the disciples stolen it? Why? They had nothing to gain in a material way from the Resurrection of Christ. The Resurrection of Christ placed upon them a burden and responsibility that sent them to the ends of the known world, enduring hardships, facing death. If Christ be not risen from the dead, what is the explanation, say, of the courage of Peter at Pentecost? Would He and the other disciples have stood faithfully, even unto death, to a religion they knew was based upon a lie?

Writing about 25 years afterward, Paul tells us that after His Resurrection, "Christ was seen of above five-hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain to the present" (I Corinthians 15:6). If the Resurrection of Christ were not a blessed reality, would Paul have dared make such a statement as this?

But He is risen from the dead, and we serve a living Saviour. Because He lives, we through faith in Him may live also. Because He

lives we have an Advocate (defense lawyer) with the Father. Because He lives we as Christians need not fear Satan, nor be concerned about his attacks, for he has been defeated once and for all. Because Jesus lives life has meaning and purpose, and the grave is not its goal.

Why Not "What's the matter with you?" the wife demanded. "Monday you liked beans, Tuesday you liked beans, Wednesday you liked beans; now Thursday, all of a sudden, you don't like beans." **NATIONWIDE BABY-SELLING RACKET EXPOSED** A nationwide racket involving the sale of illegitimate babies into adoption has been uncovered. Read how young, unmarried mothers are forced into this cruel practice and the legislation afoot to ban the sale of infants, plus other absorbing features such as:
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