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## Who Wants Socialized Medicine?

The proponents of government medical service often argue that the scheme is favored by most of the American people, and that the opposition comes principally from selfish interests which put personal profit above the public welfare.

That position, however, is certainly not supported by the results of a survey made by The Psychological Corporation in 25 cities and towns from coast to coast.

The survey was based on the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, which would saddle the country with compulsory government health insurance. The question was, "Which do you favor: (a) to have government give free doctor and medical service which would be paid for by a 3 per cent payroll tax on all wages under \$3,600, or (b) the present system of medical service?"

Here were the results: 65 per cent favored the present type of medical services; 26 per cent favored government medicine, and 9 per cent were uncertain.

Another common argument holds that people in the lower income groups are virtually unanimously in favor of government medicine. Again, The Psychological Corporation's survey found to the contrary. In that group, only 37 per cent were for it, while 51 per cent were against.

Three years ago a similar survey was made by the same organization, and the results were very similar. One of its press releases observes, "It would seem that, in spite of the heavy government propaganda in favor of socialized medicine, there has been little change in the proportion of people who favor government medicine." Apparently the American people aren't ready to have bureaucrats and politicians dominate their medical care!

## Take This Down, Folks

Alcohol is not a stimulant — it is an irritant, depressant and anesthetic.

Alcohol does not relieve fatigue. It does, to a certain extent, obscure sensation.

Always, alcohol decreases efficiency of functioning, both mental and physical.

It is wholly untrue that alcohol has not had a dangerous effect until it causes drunkenness. Scientific investigation has determined that comparatively small amounts of alcohol will decrease driving ability of an expert driver not less than 30 per cent. In some cases, it is probable that this decline in driving ability may be caused by two bottles of beer.

It is not true that alcoholism is found only among the "lower classes." The so-called "upper-classes," which constitute 4 per cent of the population, furnish 20 per cent of the psychotic alcoholics.

The most serious effects of the alcohol custom are not drunkenness and petty crime, but the impaired leadership due to "moderate" drinking.

Many alcoholics come from the upper levels: "Before me now (writes a psychiatrist at a famous clinic) is a stack of condensed records of 221 male alcoholics from every walk of life. About one-third of them are 'big business men.' In many of these cases alcoholism develops during a time when these men are attaining outstanding success. But the disease is far advanced before a real effort is made to attack the problem."

As we get these latest FBI charges, spying in at least one instance went on the Gold standard. — Greensboro Daily News.

## Drivers Can Help To Have Orderly Traffic

When a traffic jam occurs the first thing a driver thinks about is lambasting the cops for not keeping traffic on the move.

Nine-tenths of the congestion is due to drivers' failure to function properly, orderly and promptly.

Traffic conditions have improved here recently with some traffic light changes. Elimination of left turns at B and Ninth has helped and putting a right turn "go" signal with red on some other corners has also been beneficial.

To get the most benefit from the "go" signal on a right turn drivers must learn to get into their correct lanes at those corners.

Those who are going straight ahead or planning to make a left turn should never get into the right lane, which causes congestion. Getting into the lane near the center to make a right turn can also cause trouble and frequently results in accidents. If you are going to go straight ahead or turn left, leave the right lane open so that those behind can pass you and turn right from the right lane.

If you are in the lane near the center and attempt to turn right you may run into a car which has pulled up there to make a right turn.

Our streets are narrow and heavily loaded with traffic. During heavy shopping days traffic presents a problem which the police cannot solve without the cooperation of drivers. The use of ordinary courtesy and consideration for others will go a long way in helping to keep traffic moving and tempers at an even keel.

## Flying Into A Typhoon

How would you like to fly into an Asiatic typhoon for the purpose of ascertaining just exactly what a plane can do in these tropical disturbances?

Well, the U. S. Air Force, which has made thousands of aerial penetrations of meteorological phenomena heretofore considers "unflyable", is now amassing information as to these violent storms of the Far East, which are the counterpart of the Atlantic hurricanes.

More than 160 penetrations into thirty-five typhoons have been made and, as a result, it was found possible to get to the center of the violent storms before or after full maturity. Naturally, knowledge of their characteristics has been greatly increased.

Maybe they generally refer to the May cool spell as sheep-shearing Winter because it causes you to pull your wool blankets up again.—Greensboro Daily News.

A British general says the Russians have no airplane "worthy of delivering" an A-bomb. But do they have an unworthy one that can do the job?—Greensboro Daily News.

## Statesville Census Count Is 16,765

Statesville, May 24 — Statesville population for the 1950 census is 16,765 and that of Iredell County is 56,148, it was disclosed here today by Harry B. Moore, 9th District census supervisor.

In announcing these figures, Moore pointed out that they are tentative and that final figures will be released by the director of the census in Washington late this year.

**Figures Of Other Towns**  
The population of Mooresville is placed at 7,218; Troutman, 606; and Harmony, 375.

Census headquarters here also made public figures for Watauga County today. Its present population is given as 18,296, compared with 18,114 for 1940. The population of Boone is announced as 2,964.

C. Gray Rhodes, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rhodes of Route 1, Hays, is undergoing recruit training at the world's largest Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Recruit

## West Wants Red Police Disbanded

Washington, May 23 — The Western Powers accused Russia today to building a secret German army under the guise of a police force.

In separate notes to the Kremlin, the United States, Britain, and France declared the so-called East German police force is armed with military weapons and violates every agreement made by the four powers against the militarization of Germany.

In varying degrees of bluntness, the Western governments then said it would be a good idea for the Russians to disband this East German force—although obviously none expect that to happen. The protests were mostly "for the record"—another Western blast at the East in the cold war.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
I want to thank each and every one of my neighbors and friends for the nice flowers and expressions of love and sympathy in the death and burial of my brother. May God's richest blessings be with each and everyone.  
W. N. HAYES

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The kicker doesn't pull the lead,  
 Nor bless his fellows on life's road;  
 He doesn't live for God and truth,  
 Nor win to Christ our wayward youth,  
 He doesn't wear a smiling face  
 That tells of saving, keeping grace;  
 He doesn't love and praise the Lord,  
 Nor work for heaven's rich reward.

The kicker doesn't bless the church,  
 Nor for the erring go in search,  
 He doesn't shine for God and shout,  
 But oftentimes may sit and pout;  
 He doesn't pray and praise and sing,  
 Nor honor God as Lord and King;  
 He doesn't bless his fellowmen  
 By word and deed, or with his pen.

The kicker wastes his precious time  
 And never reaches heights sublime;  
 He goes along his little track  
 And maybe holds his fellows back  
 Who might ascend to heights of fame,  
 Or make for Christ a living flame;  
 He wears a critic's ugly frown,  
 But never rises to renown.

The kicker kicks aside the gems  
 That ought to make his diadems;  
 Such gems as goodness, grace and love  
 That come from God and heaven above,  
 Along with privileges to bless  
 The world through deeds or righteousness,  
 Which make for men a grand career  
 That lasts when they are gone from here.