

No Comment

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Washington—The congressional battle over providing compulsory medical care for the elderly is being used by its advocates as a springboard to project the issue into the 1960 political campaign, and into future sessions of Congress.

Congressional approval of a voluntary federal-state medical care program for the needy over 65 can only be regarded as one stage in a politically explosive, controversy likely to continue unabated for an undetermined period ahead.

Advocates of the compulsory social security plan—including Senator Kennedy, the Democratic presidential nominee—promptly gave notice that the issue would be fought out in the political campaign and in the 1961 session of Congress.

Just before the Senate decisively rejected the Kennedy social security program by a 44 to 51 vote, the Massachusetts Senator, forecasting the adverse decision, told his colleagues: "I think we should take the matter to the people of this country in October and November, in the election, to let them make the decision as to which way they wish to go.

"Then we can come back to Congress in January. Whoever is president I hope will commit himself to the social security

principle, which I regard as essential."

It is certain also that the AFL-CIO will continue to campaign vigorously for congressional approval of the social security expansion program. This is one of the organization's major goals.

There are other social security expansion goals which the organization is pushing—and which may become hot issues in the period ahead.

For example, AFL-CIO officials think that a worker, sometime within the next 25 years, should receive on retirement at least 60 percent of his earnings.

And, for this purpose, they think that the wage base, on which both employers and employees are taxed, should be tripled, or at the very least doubled—or perhaps be even unlimited. The taxable wage base now is \$4,800 per year.

Incidentally, these officials foresee wages somewhat more than doubling in the next 25 years.

Thus, there seems to be no doubt that what has taken place during the 1960 session of Congress, with respect to social security, is but a prelude to what may be even more violent congressional battles in the future.

"Liberals" in Congress always are pushing a program, which they regard as vote-luring, for providing workers with more substantial social security benefits. Usually, these programs are advocated most vigorously in election years.

Conservatives are convinced that the ultimate goal of many of the social security expansion advocates is a system of compulsory socialized medicine for the United States.

The conservatives, therefore, are firmly resisting any effort to expand the social security system in this direction.

The compulsory medical care program advocated by Senator Kennedy, which would have been financed by increasing social security taxes, was turned down by the House Ways and Means committee, by the House, and by the Senate Finance Committee—in addition to the Senate.

This was generally interpreted as a rebuff for Senator Kennedy and a repudiation of an outstanding plank in the Democratic platform by a substantial number of members of his party.

It was accomplished by a coalition of southern Democrats and conservative Republicans.

Not one southern Democrat in the Senate voted for the Kennedy proposal.

The Democratic opposition consisted of 16 southerners, two from a border state (Oklahoma), and Senator Frear of Delaware.

The federal-state plan approved by Congress—and sent to the White House—was along the lines of the voluntary program advocated by the Administration, including Vice President Nixon. It would be financed out of the

Treasury general funds.

Both the Administration and Vice President Nixon, however, also gave their support to a broader plan—but along the same general lines—advocated by Senator Javits (R-N.Y.) and others. The Javits amendment was rejected by a 28 to 67 vote.

The plan approved by Congress was supported by the American Medical Association, which has denounced the Kennedy approach as a long step toward socialized medicine.

Young Churchmen Elect Set Officers

Alexander R. Kehayes was elected President of the Young Churchmen of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton at a recent meeting beginning the autumn program. Miss Milly Price was elected vice president, Miss Sara Relfe Smith, secretary and James T. Cordon, treasurer.

Permanent sponsors are to be Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Venters of Center Hill. Weekly sponsors were elected from the congregation and community.

The Youth Council of twenty-two members met with the rector, the Rev. George B. Holmes, Sunday evening and made detailed plans for the year 1960-61. Mr. Holmes is the clerical advisor of the Northern District of the Diocesan Young Churchmen. A rally of this district will be held in October, perhaps in Edenton.

A series of educational and inspirational films were approved for showing throughout the year. A ping-pong contest was initiated for boys and girls, and teams. Several field trips were discussed with visits to the Planetarium in Chapel Hill, the Mariner's Museum in Hilton Village, churches of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths in Norfolk.

The Group which meets Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock in the Parish House has a four-point program of Work, Fellowship, Study, and Service. High School students are eligible.

Chicken Supper At Rocky Hock Tuesday

Sponsored by the Rocky Hock community a fried chicken supper will be held at the Rocky Hock Community Center Tuesday night, October 4. Meals will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock and plates will also be prepared to take out if desired.

The supper is planned to raise funds to apply toward the indebtedness on the building, so that it is hoped many will patronize the supper.

The price for adults will be \$1.00 and 75 cents for children and tickets can be secured by telephoning Mrs. W. H. Saunders, 4024, or Mrs. Florine Nixon, 3051.

The chicken will be fried outdoors and those who attend are assured of a sumptuous meal.

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Mrs. Virginia Bembridge of Edenton; two brothers, O. C. Smith of Tyner and Z. B. Smith of Edenton; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Spruill of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Carrie McClenney of Currituck County, 14 grandchildren and two great-grand-

children. Funeral services will be held at the home this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Joe Codespoti, pastor of Jehovah Witnesses, will officiate and burial will be in the family cemetery.

North Carolina Egg Producers Study Ways Of Boosting Sales

The North Carolina Egg Marketing Program is beginning to take shape, thanks to funds being contributed by egg producers.

Here are things they agreed to study:

- (1) Programs with supermarkets.
- (2) Programs with chain store councils, restaurant associations, baker associations, food handlers, and similar groups.
- (3) Programs of national scope

such as March Egg Month with poultry and egg national board.

(4) Programs of "spot" advertising with mass media, such as television, radio, newspaper and magazines.

(5) Merchandising programs through seal identification of high quality North Carolina eggs.

(6) Cooperative programs with N. C. State College and N. C. Department of Agriculture.

(7) Newsletters to inform egg producers of activities. Definite proposals for enacting a program will be presented to the egg industry in the near future. The object of such a program will be to sell more North Carolina eggs.

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Coastal Ferries Resume Service

Free ferry service between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands is being gradually restored to normal, according to an announcement by the State Highway Commission.

Until Thursday of last week the ferry operation had been restricted to two round trips daily because of Hurricane Donna damage but a five round trip per day schedule has now been placed in effect.

Under the new schedule, ferries leave the southern tip of Hatteras Island at 5:45, 7:30 and 10:00 A. M., and at 12:30 and 3:00 P. M. Ferries now leave

Ocracoke at 6:45, 8:30 and 11:00 A. M., and at 1:30 and 5:00 P. M.

Highway officials noted that the normal winter schedule of ferry service connecting Hatteras and Ocracoke will be announced shortly and will become effective on October 1.

David Smith Dies After Long Illness

David M. Smith, 74, died at his home in the Macedonia section at 9:25 o'clock Tuesday night after an illness of 19 months. He was a native of Chowan County and a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary A. Smith; a son, David L. Smith of Edenton; a daughter,

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NOVEMBER 3: Lincoln-Continental for 1961. America's completely new distinctive luxury car.

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