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The Facts Speak For Themselves

The proponents of the Administration's compulsory Federal health insurance bill make much of the alleged fact that the cost of medical care is now excessive, and beyond the ability of the masses to pay. That is just political talk.

The American people spend more for alcohol and more for recreation than for medical care. They spend two-thirds as much for tobacco. Over a long period of years, the people have spent four per cent of their incomes for medical care—including, doctors, dentists, hospitals, and the cost of drugs, appliances, etc.

It has been implied that, as a people, our standards of health are low, and that compulsory health insurance is needed to better them.

According to Dr. John W. Cline, president of the American Medical Association, "We are the healthiest large nation in the world. . . . Since 1900 we have added almost 20 years to the life span in this country. . . . Maternal and infant mortality are generally considered to be the best indices of the quality of medical care. Comparison of the figures of the United States with those of the rest of the world shows us at the top of the list of large countries. Certain small homogeneous countries have in the past had records surpassing ours, but the improvement in the past decades makes it improbable that they now can equal our level."

These achievements have been made under private medicine. What possible excuse could there be for accepting a system of government-dominated medicine which, in its basic premises, is little different from that which has woefully reduced the standards of medical care in England?

Grass Roots Opinions

SYCAMORE, OHIO, LEADER: "Alexander F. Jones, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, calls for a prompt end to the free press privileges granted Communist correspondents in Washington."

"Tass Agency (the Soviet press bureau) enjoys the same privileges of the free press in the United States," says Jones. "American reporters in the Soviet countries are subjected to every indignity—even jail—in their attempt to do an honest reporting job. . . . Tass is not a news service. It is a Russian government-supported and controlled propaganda bureau. Its Russian employees—Mikhail Fedorov in Washington, for example—are Soviet Government employees who come to this country on diplomatic passports. Tass serves no free customers. They represent a government whose political philosophy teaches and advocates the overthrow of the United States. Government by force and violence. Yet these representatives are accorded every privilege of the free press in Washington."

BLIND MAN DRIVES TRUCK

LEWIS ROCK, Ark. (AP)—An Arkansas-state trooper watched a slow-moving truck swerve into a ditch here, right itself and then move off at a snail's pace toward the downtown section.

"I overhauled the truck and ordered the driver to pull over. 'What's the matter fellow, you blind?' the officer asked."

The driver replied calmly—"yes sir, I'm totally blind!"

While the officer stared in disbelief, the driver climbed from the cab with the aid of a cane. A companion explained that his buddy had lost his eyes several years ago "and it was his cherished ambition to drive one more."

"Come to think of it, that blind fellow drove more carefully than a lot of people I've seen with a 20-20 vision," the trooper said.

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These Days



By

Sokolsky

DUMP THE TAX COLLECTORS

One of the great economic misfortunes of Europe has been the multiplying of customs barriers which prevent goods from moving from where they are made to where they are needed. They used to have such stations in China to collect the liking, a tax which has played a great part in China's ruin.

Now, we are getting such barriers in many parts of the United States. Often they are disguised as protection against germs or something, but wherever they exist, their purpose is to keep goods of our state from moving into another. They are interstate tariff bureaus.

The great economic strength of the United States heretofore was a result of free communications, of the free movement of American goods from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Maine to Texas.

Recently, in Massachusetts, a citizen, Raymond S. Redfield, once president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, was actually charged with the crime of purchasing eight cartons of cigarettes, two gallons of wine and a quart of gin in Thompsonville, which is just over the Massachusetts line in Connecticut. Also, his car was seized. The court threw the case out, but it can happen again.

According to Redfield, he was in a town called Longmeadow on business and when he was on his way home, he went to Thompsonville and made the purchases. The State of Massachusetts had spies on hand who demanded to see the Connecticut purchases.

Springfield in Massachusetts is the general marketing city for residents of that area, which includes towns in Connecticut, and it is now possible that that state will enter upon a war reprisal all along the border, seizing goods purchased in Massachusetts. It is said that Massachusetts is doing this sort of thing on its borders, which affects Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. It could turn New England into a balkanized region.

New Hampshire caught Massachusetts agents who were spying on Massachusetts citizens and ordered them out of the state.

This is a question of states rights; it is a question as to whether we live in the United States or on a trip from, let us say, New York to Yellowstone, to see America first. Let us say that he stocks up with food, drink, cigarettes and camping equipment. Will he have to pay a customs duty every time he crosses a state line? Or suppose he buys Indian blankets and toy totem poles in Yellowstone, will he have to pay customs duties every time he crosses a state line? Maybe the A. A. will issue an interstate tariff schedule to help its touring members.

Our lives are becoming increasingly and unpleasantly complicated as various agencies of the federal, state and municipal governments require more money. Americans are becoming involved in bookkeeping processes which are a nuisance and, so far as housewives are concerned, become burdensome because they are neither trained nor equipped to handle these chores. Small businesses are unable to carry the personnel necessary to do all the paper work involved in filling out forms and covering the myriads of taxes. They add to their expenses by hiring accountants and lawyers to do it for them.

When States erect barriers against their own citizens and other Americans, they are pursuing a harmful course, one curiously, which was among the principal causes of the French revolution. The Octroi was such an internal revenue tax which broke the backs of the French people.

An American ought to be free to buy and sell anywhere in the United States. It is true that the automobile makes it possible for a citizen in one state to make purchases in another, and there is nothing wrong about that. The great shops in New York would die of starvation if citizens of New Jersey and Connecticut, to say nothing of Pennsylvania and even Massachusetts, were forbidden to purchase here. I do not know the Chicago market as well, but I should imagine that the shops there get a steady business from Indiana and Wisconsin.

The time is fast coming when an American citizen will wonder whether he is a free man in a free country or is a hounded creature run by a flock of tax-grabbing politicians who find it a law to use against their opponents. We once had a tea party in Boston over taxes. We might, with good reason, have a few of them in many parts of the country, dumping the tax-collectors instead of the tea.

MISTER BREGER



"Oh, I'm SO glad you've come—the party's getting a bit dull!"



By ED SULLIVAN

I REMEMBER

Back in February, at Philadelphia's Convention Hall, I remember a brilliant speech delivered to the "Men of Malvern," by Rev. Dr. John W. Gibbons: "Historians are the coroners of history and marshalling their autopsy reports, it is significant that thirteen empires which once ruled the world were destroyed, not from without but from within—they were destroyed by national moral decadence, a failure to reject the godless materialism which now threatens the world structure today."

The echoes of his voice seemed to be floating over Manhattan Island as Kefauver counsel Rudolph Halley defeated Tammy crushingly in the race for City Council.

Never, within this reporter's memory of 31 years as a New York newspaperman, has the public been so eager to find honesty in government. Halley, because he sassed back mobsters in the Kefauver hearing and put them on the spot, symbolizes honesty to the public and that is why he was elected.

The people are fed up with the moral decadence outlined in the headlines, fed up with corruption, bribery and double-talk.

Halley has a magnificent opportunity, if he can live up to it. If he doesn't live up to it, as other public choices have failed to live up to their promise, John Q. Public will turn him out of office at first opportunity.

Two days ago, Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson sent along a copy of "They Fought With What They Had," the story of the Army Air Force in the Southwest Pacific, through 1941 and 1942. The author, Walter D. Edmonds, while working for the Personnel Narratives Division of the Air Force, started compiling the exhaustive data for the book in 1945, then interviewed thousands of officers and men to double-check his findings.

If there is any doubt that the core of the nation is sound as a drum, get a copy of this book, published by Little, Brown, and read of the fantastic heroism of the kids from cities and villages, from factories and offices, from every point of the compass. Read too of Pappy Gunn, 41-year-old father of four children: "Certainly no man fought more indefatigably to beat the Japanese," is Edmonds' tribute, "and probably no man under the rank of general contributed more through his individual efforts to beating them. Like young Grant Mahony, (Pappy) governed himself as though there were two wars against Japan; the one the United States had on its hands and his own. He fought them both."

Mahony was Lt. Grant Mahony, of the 3d Squadron. "Few men have fought this war, or any war, harder than Mahony fought it," footnotes Edmonds, "for he had the high emotional qualities that came with his Irish blood. He did not especially like the Army. He was not a superlative flier, but he fought in his P-40 with a deadly purpose that made him nearly as effective. It became his mission to kill Japanese in Java, in Burma and then in China. Finally given a desk job in the United States, he insisted on rejoining his men and he was killed, escorting A-20 bombers, over Lingayen Gulf."

There were many mistakes made, certifies Edmonds, in discussing those early, confused days in the Philippines. There was a tragic breakdown in communications, tragic tardiness in building air fields, tragic errors in the delivery of planes without engines, and even fliers without planes. But there was no corruption, no breakdown in morality or morale, as there is in government today. The political leeches bear no resemblance, living or dead, to decent American families and their children, type of children who won against Japan and now fighting in Korea.

Rudolph Halley, picked by the people because they believe him to be honest, is embracing a tremendous opportunity, the same sort of opportunity that was handed to Mayor Impellitteri on a silver platter.

If Halley has real quality, there is no telling how far he can go. If he is a poseur, if he is not what the people believe him to be, it will be another kick in the teeth to a public that is now ra'rin' to clean house of those who have suckered the taxpayer. The electorate is on the march and political labels are out.

Jean Young Has Twirp Week Party Wednesday Night

Miss Jean Young entertained Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at a Twirp Season party.

Twirp week is being observed in Dunn High School this week and Jean asked approximately thirty of her schoolmates over for an evening of dancing, playing and eating.

Cakes, cookies and pies, tachie nuts were served by the hostess.

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Frederick OTHMAN

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON. — Five of my favorite Congressmen are heading for Los Angeles and San Francisco to investigate the goes that beautiful ladies rub on their faces to make themselves more beautiful. I wish I could go along; I might be helpful.

Some of the sweet-smelling fluids in the pretty jars have been known to backfire and the lovely who anoints herself with same has to stay in seclusion until nature returns her to normal. Most of these unguents, according to Rep. John J. Delaney (D., N. Y.), hurt nothing except the pocketbooks of husbands. A few have had horrid results, largely because the manufacturer sold 'em without testing them first.

So Delaney and Co., along with their chief counsel, Vincent Kleinfeld, arrive in Los Angeles November 19 for a look at the stuff that goes into bottles there; then they'll move up to San Francisco.

All I know is that once in Hollywood I had a date to interview one of movies' most luscious heads. She never showed up. I got sore, phoned her, and found her in tears. She'd just had a permanent wave for her meeting with the press. She sobbed, and now look; her hair was green, with purple stripes.

This lady's name I have given to the investigators, in case they need some before-and-after testimony. I've also suggested they drop in on one Hollywood cosmetics outfit for a look at the way it tests the product. A female operative there spends her days rubbing lipstick on the stomachs of guinea pigs. Not a pig has had a rash yet, nor a customer, either.

Kleinfeld said he'd had reports of other items that gave him pause, such as the shampoo containing a distant relative of the polyoxyethylene chemicals that some bakers used to put in bread. Some females

Twins Honored By Parents on Their Eleventh Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Godwin entertained last Friday afternoon at their home on N. Orange Ave. for their twin daughters, Jean and Joanne on their eleventh birthday.

The Godwin home was gayly decorated for the occasion with a yellow and green color scheme predominating. Beautiful arrangements of chrysanthemums were used in the home.

Jean and Joanne's guests were invited to come at 5:00. They enjoyed bingo and canasta and then had a wicker roast with all the trimmings in the backyard. Yellow iced cupcakes bearing lighted candles were served and favors of snappers and candy given.

Attending the party were Anne Aldridge, Betsy Byerly, Patsy Northcutt, Barbara Keen, Norma Jean Catlett, Evelyn Cunningham, Jerry and Earline Henry, Sandra Blackley, Ida Sue Neighbors, Susan Warren and Grace Darc Maxwell.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

Mary Jo enjoyed being an invalid as long as her mother waited on her. But her mother wisely checked her malingering. Everybody tends to kid himself into thinking he's sicker than he really is, but some of us prolong the symptoms and become chronic malingers.

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE
Case B-389: Mary Jo, aged 5, had the whooping cough recently. When overtaken by an acute attack of coughing, she would finally choke and vomit.

Her mother urged her to run to the bathroom first, but Mary Jo felt she couldn't wait that long.

Perhaps in a few instances she was correct, but her mother finally decided the child wasn't trying.

So she made a new regulation. If Mary Jo were to suffer from any future coughing spells which led to vomiting, then she was to clean the floor, herself instead of letting her mother do so.

This rule produced a remarkable change. Mary Jo did vomit on a few occasions after it went into effect, but she always ran to the bathroom first!

MALINGERING PATIENTS

When people are forced to depend upon themselves, they soon become much more self-reliant or self-controlled.

Mary Jo was deceiving herself into thinking she was far more invalid than actually was the case. But as long as she could get away with it, there was no incentive to change.

In medicine we frequently encounter patients who are "malingering," or feigning an illness that does not exist in fact.

Sometimes they originally did have a real ailment. But they found it pleasant to receive the solicitude of relatives and friends. They enjoyed being the center of attention. They liked being waited upon hand and foot.

But when they were well, they had been relatively ignored. As a sick person, however, they now got the spotlight of attention.

I WANT TO BE IMPORTANT
Since illness, or at least apparent illness, fitted into their basic hunger for to be important, they subconsciously chose to remain as invalids. Such patients aren't always fully conscious of their own behavior.

To remedy such conditions, and we are all inclined to kid ourselves into at least a temporary exaggeration of symptoms, we should first have a thorough medical examination.

If there is no adequate cause for the symptoms of illness, then we should tactfully make invalidism more unpleasant than the state of good health.

Mary Jo's mother did this very nicely with her daughter. The child didn't like to clean up the mess on the floor, so she simply avoided having a recurrence.

This was not inhumane; for after a coughing spell, Mary Jo was able bodied. She could clean up the floor just as readily as her mother.

Even if she had not been able to exercise self-control still, she reached the bathroom, her mother's rule would not have worked an undue hardship on her.

SHE CHANGED HER VOCATION
I'm not going to be a nurse when I grow up," Mary Jo informed her mother a day or so later, although that had been her cherished ambition.

"I don't like to clean up when people throw up!"

In treating cases of malingering or feigned illness, be sure you give the patient a chance to "save face" or climb back from the limb on which he has placed himself.

Let him try one more remedy or medicine, even though it be only colored water. Glowingly build up its curative powers. Your doctor will cooperate.

And then politely let the patient see that you are going to continue attending movies and parties, regardless.

The malingering will be more strongly motivated to get well and join in those good times that otherwise would be missed.

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