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### DRESSING FOR VISITORS

As soon as tires are back in abundance, and new cars become increasingly available, we can expect the biggest country-wide tourists' expedition in our nation's history.

Not only are most people itching to take a good long trip as a release from the war curbs on driving, but millions are eager to drive to former home towns and the homes of friends and relatives which they were unable to visit during wartime.

Next summer the roads of our nation will be overflowing. Every town will be an exhibition. Thousands of people who have never been in our state before will undoubtedly pass through it and pass judgment on it.

We like to have our state well thought of by the people in the other 47 states. But, since many of the tourists will merely see it from the highways, it would seem wise for us to begin now to look over those highways with an eye toward making them as attractive as we can.

### PEACETIME PATRIOTS

Patriotism runs high during a war, when a people is drawn together by the necessity of meeting a common foe. Then self-interest and prejudices are likely to be at their lowest ebb. Then the positive characteristics of a country stand out in the minds of its citizens, who search for the answer to "What are we fighting for?"

Despite pessimistic reports to the contrary, most servicemen knew why they had taken up arms. In the strain of war, the people on the home front, too, found an answer.

But with the peace signed, comes the real test. When the emotionalism of war is done, and Americans being picking up the threads of their old existence, will they forget those things they learned during the struggle? Will they find now only their country's negative characteristics? Will they feel their patriotic contributions ill spent in the face of resurging self interest and prejudice?

### JUST ANOTHER INCIDENT

A few months ago there was a nationwide furor over the bureaucratic shortcomings of the Veterans' Administration. Shamefully inadequate and obsolete practices were exposed in the veterans' hospitals. But the rush of events quickly pushed the incident onto the back pages. And, like many such incidents, the public has heard no more.

Here is a typical illustration of what would happen if the whole country should be included in a politically administered medical system. Individuals would be subjected, as the veterans were and perhaps still are, to questionable or incompetent care. As individuals, they could do nothing more than vent their displeasure. Trying to ferret out officials responsible for ill treatment would be akin to grappling with your shadow. When the situation became bad enough, a rash of condemnation would appear in the press. Investigations would be promised—as they were in the case of the Veterans' Administration—a few of the most glaring faults would be corrected, and then the evil system would settle down for another twenty years or so of dozing dogma and inefficiency.

This is no exaggeration. It is what would be faced by the people if they permit state or socialized medicine, whichever you wish to call it, to settle upon the country. It is the normal procedure of bureaucracy.

### ONE WAY TO END STRIKES

There may be something to say for public ownership after all. A few weeks ago, when union workers of the Lower Colorado River Authority went out on a strike, closing four government hydroelectric and stopping electric service to a large area of central Texas, they were promptly fired. Their jobs were offered to war veterans. The manager of the Authority accompanied the firing with the comment that, "The men who walked off are out of their jobs and will not be re-employed." Spokesmen for the workers claimed that the sole issue was the right of the worker to organize and to bargain collectively, whereupon they were told that the Lower Colorado River Authority was a state-created agency having no legal power to delegate matters involving hiring and firing.

If labor wishes to continue to enjoy the privilege of organizing unions and bargaining with employers, it had better begin to seriously question the federal program to blanket the nation with eight giant "electric power authorities." At the present moment, a Missouri Valley Authority is awaiting congressional action. This single authority would eventually wipe out private electric companies in a large area just as was done in the southeastern part of the United States under TVA.

So far, the status of persons employed in government projects competing against private industry, in general, has been handled with kid gloves—with the exception of a few spots where the mailed fist has chafed through. However, in view of the threatened expansion of socialized industry, at least in the power field, labor should ask now what its prerogatives under government ownership are to be. Even after it has been reassured by the honeyed words of adroit politicians, it should go slow. The history of nations where government controls the jobs of the people, is a history of oppression.

## 'Good Will Toward Men'



**TODAY**  
and  
**TOMORROW**  
By DON ROBINSON

### BILLS

The other day I heard a group of people discussing doctor's bills.

"I just had a few X-rays," said one woman. "I thought they would be 20¢ at the most—but do you know what the bill was? Eighty dollars!"

"Don't talk to me about bills," said another woman. "Including dentist bills, our bills have been over \$200 so far this year! Of course that took care of my appendix operation and John had to get a couple of new teeth—but before we're through the doctors are going to have every last nickel of our savings."

Then everyone began talking at once—all wanting to give instances of how they had been bowled over, on one occasion or another, by the amount of money they had to hand over to surgeons, specialists, dentists, and family physicians.

The thing which brought up the discussion in the first place was the recent introduction into Congress of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill calling for government insurance to handle the nation's medical costs.

### INSURANCE

The people I heard talking about their difficulties in financing medical expenses didn't favor this legislation. They called it "socialized medicine" and they "socialized medicine and they suspected that it would interfere with medical progress, that it would make medicine a political football, and that it would, in general, be a bad thing for the nation.

But they were unanimous in their opinion that something should be done to take the financial headache out of sickness.

When those present had all agreed to get their pet complaint against the doctors off their chests, the talk turned to possible solutions.

One man who was in the insurance business became the chief target of attack. "Why," he was asked, "can't the insurance companies issue policies which really protect us against doctors' bills so there won't be any need for government insurance?"

He began explaining about various types of health insurance his company did issue. But he was stopped by a young man who said, "I had one of those policies, but when I had stomach trouble and collected on it, the company said they wouldn't insure me any more. Your company and all the others want to insure well people, but they won't take any chances on those who are apt to be sick."

The insurance man explained that insurance companies had to go in for that practice in order to keep rates down—but that explanation, although understandable, didn't satisfy this group who were seeking a better solution for the care of the sick through non-governmental channels.

### RISK

"Here's a possible answer," another member of the group said. "When I bought a home before the war I got a 90 per cent mortgage on it. No private organization would have given such a

large mortgage on its own—but this mortgage was guaranteed by the government. That is, the transaction was handled by a bank, but it was done with the understanding that if the bank lost money on the loan the government would pay the loss.

"Why," he asked, "couldn't the same thing be worked out with health insurance? I can understand why insurance companies, which are in business for profit, refuse to take poor risks. But it is the people who are classified as 'poor risks' who need the help the most. So, instead of having direct government insurance, perhaps the government and the insurance companies could get together, agree on an all-inclusive policy from which no one would be barred, and issue it with the understanding that the government would make up for any losses incurred by companies issuing that policy."

That plan seemed to meet with the immediate approval of those who heard it. As far as they could see, it would answer the problem without

putting the government directly into the insurance business.

Perhaps the experts could show why this particular plan might be impractical, but it helped to assure me that there is certainly some sound answer which does not involve the direct socialization of medicine.

In my opinion the majority of

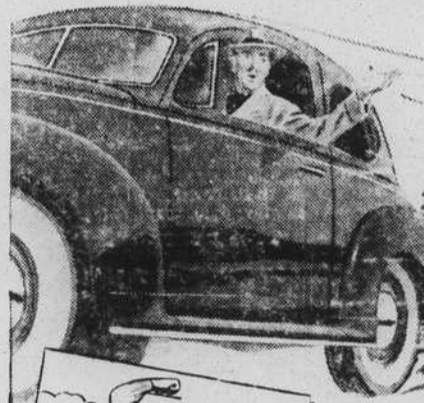
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## SUCCESS CALLS FOR ATTACKS

In 1929 there was an event in Chicago which attracted the most brilliant educators in the country. People came for thousands of miles for the occasion. Not a football game; not a political powwow. No, the occasion was the inauguration of a young man of thirty as president of the fourth richest university in this country: the University of Chicago; a university with an endowment of seventy million dollars.

The young man who was to be inaugurated as president had worked his way through Yale as a waiter. But how the great sat in his feet: Robert Maynard Hutchins. I was not there, but I got a glimpse of it from the late Dr. Jefferson Davis Sandefur, formerly president of Hartman-Simmons and early, Abilene, Texas. Doctor Sandefur sat on the platform next to the father of the new president. Turning to him he said, "I notice that one of the newspapers made a bitter attack on your son today."

This was stating it mildly, for young Doctor Hutchins' had not only been attacked by the newspapers and by the educational bigwigs, but had been bitterly denounced.

Doctor Hutchins' father sat for a moment, thinking, then said quietly "Yes, that's true. But remember, no one ever kicks a dead dog."

Remember that the net time someone attacks you. The moment you raise your head even slightly above the water level of mediocrity, you will discover a lot of persons anxious to get on the banks of the river ready to throw mud balls at you. Some of the mud balls will have rocks inside. So if you accomplish anything in the world, expect to be attacked, denounced, condemned. Remember the Duke of Wellington, of Abraham Lincoln, of Socrates, and of all the good, capable, and great men who ever lived.

People don't want government to better plan work one out in control over medicine. But they are apt to move it as an unsatisfactory but essential answer to a major problem unless they have in a position to formulate

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