

Welfareism "Gone Wild" Could Happen In The US

Many appear to think that the steady broadening of government involvement and spending on an ever-increasing scale are evidence of an approaching better life.

Mr. C. L. Sulzberger, writing for the New York Times News Service, tells quite a different story. Mr. Sulzberger recently visited Uruguay, where he found a welfare state "gone wild" and in a state of emergency. He reports that "One out of three adults receives some kind of pension. Forty per cent of the labor force is employed by the state. Political parties compete to expand a ridiculously swollen bureaucracy which works a 90-hour week.

"The system maximizes rights of the citizen and minimizes his obligations. As a result, Uruguay is going bust... the cost of living has multiplied 33 times in the past decade. Gross national production has actually declined 9 per cent and this year will take a nose dive."

Mr. Sulzberger goes on at length to describe the state of chaos in Uruguay. Uruguay is a small nation, but the irresponsible policies of welfareism that have brought it to collapse can work the same havoc elsewhere — even in the United States.

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Living Veterans Pass 26 Mill. Mark

America's living veteran population has passed the 26 million mark.

This is an all-time high number of living veterans of this nation, according to W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Phillips also disclosed that a late summer survey in cooperation with the Department of Defense showed slightly more than 200,000 were separated from the Armed Forces after actually having served in the Vietnam Theatre.

More than 40,000 names of living veterans are added to VA rolls each month. The September living veteran population was 25,948,000, Phillips said.

There are but two remaining veterans of the Indian Wars still alive. Recently, Reginald Bradley of Oakland, Calif., celebrated his 100th birthday with a ceremony at the Presidio in San Francisco. A letter of congratulation from President Johnson was read to him. The other remaining veteran of the Indian Wars is Frederick Friske, 98, of Chicago.

In round numbers, 38-million men and women served in America's Wars since the Revolution. More than one million died while in service.

There are about 10,000 veterans of the Spanish-American War left, Phillips said. Of those who served in World War I, 1.85

million are living. There are 14.8 veterans of World War II and 5.8 veterans of the Korean Conflict. Some of these men served in WW II and the Korean Conflict.

While the last veteran of the Civil War died in 1959, the VA still has 1,020 widows of veterans of the conflict between the States on its rolls.

Science Fiction Gains Influence

STANFORD, Calif. — A Stanford University professor thinks that man's daily life in the future will be more influenced by the visions of the science-fiction writer than the historical analyst.

And, just as Marx and Adam Smith differed in their views of the past, Communist and Western science fiction writers see different futures.

Professor H. Bruce Franklin said Soviet writers take an "almost universally optimistic" view of the future. The American view is one of "profound pessimism."

Americans regard science fiction as offbeat, zany and not quite respectable, said Franklin, author of "Future Perfect: American Science Fiction in the 19th Century."

Franklin said science fiction in Russia is an official form of literature.

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Social Security Administration

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Simply speaking, a "spell of illness" begins on the first day a person receives covered hospital or nursing home care. It ends only when he has not been a patient in any hospital or nursing home for 90 continuous days.

Within each "spell of illness" medicare provides up to 90 days of hospital, and 100 days of nursing home benefits. An important point to remember is that the patient pays the \$40 deductible only one time in each spell of illness.

This is true no matter how many different admissions he may have, so long as he is still in the same "spell of illness". One important point to remember in this connection is that any time a person has not been in a hospital or nursing home for 90 days in a row, a new "spell of illness" begins and he again

Sam Levenson's Book Full of 4-Letter Words -- 'Home' 'Love' 'Work'

NEW YORK — Sam Levenson shrewdly observed that writers of books with four-letter words frequently made the best seller lists. So he wrote himself a book liberally sprinkled with such four letter words as "home" "love" and "work".

Naturalism turned up with a "best seller" and recently his autobiography, "Everything But Money", passed its first anniversary on the book charts. This is so rare an event in the publishing world that Levenson now finds himself in great demand as a lecturer in colleges and as a guest star on television.

He believes this is because the book and its philosophy have some relevance to present problems. Levenson is a member of a large family living in a poor neighborhood but despite what might be regarded as alium conditions today the children were happy and did well in life.

He is frequently asked how they managed to conquer their surroundings. Levenson, who must pay the \$40 deductible. Most people won't have to bother about trying to keep the details of this rule in mind. Usually when a patient enters a hospital he won't stay long enough to use all of his benefits in a "spell of illness". The Social Security Administration will keep track of the time used and how many days are left. The patient will receive a written notice to this effect after each spell of hospitalization.

Detailed information relating to a "spell of illness" and deductible amounts is available at the Elizabeth City social security office.

was a teacher in the public school system and later a well known humorist and entertainer, said:

"The will to succeed is as important as help from outside sources. But I don't recommend poverty as a springboard for anyone — everybody ought to have a decent share of our national prosperity. What I do recommend is that we do quickly what can be simply done to give the poor dignity and hope.

"For example, why do we always stress academic intelligence over vocational intelligence?"

"Every June long columns appear in newspapers listing the names of scholarship winners. But rarely are the achievements of vocational school youngsters similarly publicized. Why no fanfares for the future plumbers, painters, bakers, mechanics? Is the mechanic, by implication, a less important human being than the scientist?"

Levenson said the names chosen by street gangs — The Dukes, the Kings, the Ambassadors — show the importance they place, perhaps subconsciously, on the prestige now reserved only for the academically intelligent.

Levenson said color prejudice should never be permitted to start in children. He has suggested to educational authorities, from the background of his long teaching experience, that they introduce the concept of color in people to children in primary schools at the same time as they are taught the color of things.

"Properly presented," he said, "children will accept naturally that people can be different colors just as they accept that flowers are of different colors.

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