

Fight Seen in Congress on Health Insurance Program

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (U. P.)—President Truman's far-reaching insurance program today faced a hard fight in congress.

Even backers of the \$3,000,000,000 a-year scheme conceded that strong opposition lies ahead. Similar proposals introduced a year ago died in committee.

Despite Mr. Truman's repeated statement that his program did not mean "socialized medicine," the Journal of the American Medical Association promptly asserted that this was "a peculiar interpretation of the term."

The Journal charged editorially that the proposal would lead to "politically controlled medicine."

Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) also disputed Mr. Truman's denial that the program involved socialized medicine. A. F. of L. President William Green, however, telegraphed Mr. Truman congratulations on his "forward-looking" proposal which, Green said, "meets the most urgent human needs of our nation and merits universal support."

Cost \$3 Billion

Under the five-point program, the government would guarantee proper medical care for every American. This would cost \$3,000,000,000 annually, according to its sponsors.

They favor collecting these funds through increasing social security taxes and, later, by taking monies from general tax collections.

One suggestion is to increase the social security tax for the employer and the employee an additional 1% per cent each on annual salaries up to \$3,000. The present social security tax is 1 per cent each for employer and employee on salaries up to \$3,000.

In addition to providing for payment of medical bills, the measure would grant sickness compensation. A wage-earner during his illness would receive 80 per cent of his salary or \$30 weekly, whichever is smaller.

Aid for Health Centers

Other parts of the plan call for greater federal aid for construction of health centers and hospitals, and for professional education and research.

The present proposal at least is assured speedy public hearings. In the senate, the bill was referred to the education and labor committee which is headed by one of its sponsors, Senator James E. Murray (D. Mont.). He plans to start hearings within 10 days. They will last at least two months, according to Senator Robert R. Wagner, D. N. Y., another sponsor.

Murray and Wagner introduced their bill in the senate and Rep. John D. Dingell (D. Mich.) introduced an identical measure in the house soon after Mr. Truman outlined his proposals in a message to congress.

Like Insurance

The President likened the plan to any type of insurance, although this would be compulsory. The "premiums" would be taken from a citizen in taxes, and when that citizen stands to suffer a loss through sickness, the government would step in and pay the bill.

Backers of the plan say this would give medical treatment to many persons who do not now go to their doctors because of the expense.

They say it also will encourage doctors to live in underprivileged communities which heretofore have been short of doctors because they did not pay well enough to attract medical men.

While the individual would have

REDS DENY THEY AID IRAN REVOLT

Claim British Trying to Whitewash Palestine.

MOSCOW, Nov. 20 (U. P.)—The government newspaper, Izvestia, today editorially denied that the Red army is supplying arms and trucks to any faction in Persian Azerbaijan.

Izvestia charged that reports by British agencies of the disturbances in northern Iran were "making a mountain out of a molehill." It said editorially that the accounts of the "separatist rebellion" were being fabricated and played up in order to divert attention from what is going on in Palestine, Egypt and Indonesia.

Actually, Izvestia said, the root of the trouble is that gendarmes and reactionary landlords in Azerbaijan are provoking incidents by attacking "democratic and liberal" elements.

A similar proposal introduced by

Wagner, Murray and Dingell a year ago died in a hostile house ways and means committee. The old bill went to the ways and means committee because it included a plan for raising taxes to meet the medical bills.

The present bill, however, omits tax provisions, and was referred to the house interstate and foreign commerce committee. House hearings probably will be conducted by the group's health subcommittee headed by Rep. J. Percy Priest (D. Tenn.), who favors the measure.

This deliberate by-passing of the ways and means committee gives the bill its only chance of passage, Dingell said.

'BOAT' PATRONS PAY FOR SPIRITUOUS SHOW

For possessing and consuming liquor illegally at the Showboat, Keystone ave. night club, six patrons were fined \$25 and costs at Beech Grove magistrate's court last night.

Three others nabbed in a joint excise, military and state police raid on the place early Friday, were discharged. Another was unable to appear because of injuries received in an auto crash. Charges against Showboat Owner Louis Spencer were continued pending his recovery from an operation.

CAR THEFT ENDS IN WILD GUN CHASE

Squad car police fired six shots at a fleeing automobile in a wild chase on the near West side last night.

The pursuit began at Douglas and Michigan st., continued west on Michigan st., south on Hiawatha, and ended in the 1000 block of W. New York st. The driver, Orlando Fair, 21, of 236 Douglas st., was charged with auto theft. A parolee from Pendleton reformatory, Fair was accused of having stolen the car from a parking lot at Toledo and Ohio st. earlier in the day.

CRASH VICTIM DIES
VALPARAISO, Nov. 20 (U. P.)—Rosalie Fisher, 20, died in Porter county hospital last night of injuries sustained in an auto-train collision near Chesterton Sunday. Luther Cole, 32, Hammond, driver of the automobile, was reported in a serious condition at the hospital.

Local Captain Is Given Bronze Star

AWARD of the bronze star medal to Capt. Jack W. Helm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Helm, 28 N. New Jersey st., has

been announced. A first lieutenant when the award was made, Capt. Helm received his promotion Oct. 24. He was cited for "meritorious service in the care and evacuation of allied ex-prisoners of war in the army group section."

Brig. Gen. Paul W. Thompson, chief of the information and education division headquarters, European theater, presented the medal.

Capt. Helm, who has been in the service nearly five years, is now on his way home for a 30-day leave. A graduate of Shortridge high school, he is 28 years old.

Everybody in industry knows that our methods are undergoing a complete revolution," Mr. Boese declared. He is works manager of Mers Engineering Corp. The show will be held the week of April 8.

PRODUCTION TOOLS TO BE DISPLAYED

A mammoth display of production tools and equipment is being planned for next spring by the American Society of Tool Engineers.

To be held at Cleveland, according to Harry L. Boese, chairman of the local chapter, the exhibit will feature developments of the war period. The entire capacity of the Cleveland auditorium will be used, he added.

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Miss Carruth to Be Pastor's Aid

MISS MAUDIE B. CARRUTH, former Pan-American Institute missionary and assistant to deans at Asbury college, will begin her duties as assistant to Dr. Dallas L. Browning, minister of North Methodist church, Sunday.

Miss Carruth will lend her attention to religious education, youth work and parish activities. She will come to Indiana from Cristobal, Canal Zone, where she has worked for the last four years as a missionary.

Her brother, the Rev. Samuel R. Carruth, is pastor of Centenary Methodist church, Terre Haute.

PREMIER, CABINET RESIGN IN GREECE

ATHENS, Nov. 20 (U. P.)—The Greek government headed by Prime Minister Panayiotis Canellopoulos resigned today.

Canellopoulos, announcing the resignation of his government, said: "I believe conditions have been created for a solution of the cabinet problem which will be for the country's good, especially from the financial and economic point of view."

"I hope all parties will hold themselves nationally aloof from party politics and will rise to the opportunity of serving their country."

RALPH HITCH'S PLACE RAIDED BY POLICE

Capt. Claude Kinder stepped across S. Alabama st. from police headquarters yesterday and proceeded to raid the office of Ralph Hitch, professional bantamman, sportsman, man-about-town.

Mr. Hitch wasn't there, but 15 other persons and certain horse betting items were. The captain confiscated several racing sheets and betting slips. But he reluctantly reported that the alleged customers "ran before arrests could be made."

Mr. Hitch, whose office is at 18 S. Alabama st., last was in the news when he squared off on S. Alabama st. with Randall (Rags) Mitchell, ex-officio aid to Sheriff Otto Pettit.

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6. Telephone Bench . . . Great convenience and pretty as well. Seat, shelves for telephone and directory in one piece, 29.95

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