

Survey Shows British Doctors Differ on Medical Care Plan

Physician With Affluent Practice Objects; Another Calls It Necessary, Inevitable

By WILLIAM H. NEWTON, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
LONDON, Apr. 11—Different doctors have different slants on Britain's new national medical care plan. Take Dr. Cole and Dr. Baker—though these are not actual names, because British doctors don't like being quoted.

Dr. Baker is a specialist in swank Harley St. He is dead set against the health program which provides free medical care for Britons at a cost to the taxpayers of some \$1,140,000,000 this first year. He considers the scheme purely a "vote-catching trick" which will level British medicine downward.

Dr. Baker says doctors were got into the scheme by blackmail—that they were "afraid they would lose everything they had put into their practices unless they signed up with the government."

"Specialists like myself were drawn in because if they didn't join they couldn't get hospital beds for their patients, which of course are essential to a specialist." (All hospitals are nationalized under the British program, but private sections are reserved for private patients who wish to pay for treatment.)

Dr. Baker is in the plan and receives \$800 per year for each half-day of the week to free patients. Thus if he gives six mornings each week to it, he is paid \$4800. He may treat private patients beyond this, but total charges to any private patient may not exceed \$300.

Dr. Baker protests against the time that must be taken for filling out forms, says government bureaucrats don't understand what medicine means or the doctor-patient relationship, and that except for Socialists most doctors don't like the health scheme. He thinks doctors are poorly paid now. Yet despite his opposition he said he did not believe critical stories on the British plan printed recently in the U. S. Dr. Baker acknowledged that before the national health plan, the poor and the wealthy received good medical care but that much of the middle class lacked it. In those days, he said, he gave his time to surgery for the very poor.

He agrees that Britain's earlier national health law should have been extended to provide better care for the middle class.

But Dr. Cole has quite another attitude than Doctor Baker. His office is on Holloway Road in

Hold Husband In Divorce Suit After Home Fire

Figure in Magazine Arrested on Eve Of Judge's Verdict

Judge Ralph Hamill will not be able to patch up another war-torn family home in Marion County Superior Court today.

He is unable even to bring the family into court.

The husband, Ballard D. Turner, 31, was arrested by police who were investigating a fire at his home at 215 S. Warman Ave. early yesterday.

In General Hospital, the wife, Mrs. Gladys Turner, 26, was being treated for first degree burns along with her mother, Mrs. Tina B. Roberts, 55. Both were burned in the blaze.

The children, Robert, 8, Charles, 3, and Edward, 2, will be taken care of by Juvenile Aid Division authorities. Ballard, charged with vagrancy, was released to the custody of his attorney in Municipal Court 4 today. The case was continued to Apr. 22.

Tries Reconciliation
Judge Hamill, appalled by the increasing number of post-war divorces, admitted that he was trying to bring the separated husband and wife together.

The case was published in the latest issue of Life magazine as "an authentic account of a divorce trial in order to bring about a better understanding of the main causes of broken homes."

They were to appear in court this morning, 60 days after Mrs. Turner filed for a divorce, and custody of her three children.

"This is another divorce traced to World War II," the judge said as he took the case under advisement.

As the case unraveled, it took on much the same aspect as numerous other divorces heard in Marion County Superior Court.

Mrs. Turner, who was only 16 when she married 10 years ago, charged her husband with "cruel and inhuman" treatment. She asked for a property settlement of \$4000 and custody of the children.

Lived on Farm
Filing a counter-suit, Mr. Turner charged his wife with infidelity and neglect of the home and children. He said he wasn't trying to stop the divorce, but wanted custody of the children.

In piecing together the story, Judge Hamill learned that the couple had lived on a farm before Mrs. Turner came to Marion County, where he took a job in an local brass plant.

They related how they saved and purchased a \$7000 suburban home.

Turning point in their lives, Judge Hamill noted, came when their second child died.

Mrs. Turner told how she got a job in an aircraft factory to forget. Shortly thereafter, she told the court she had left her husband.

Several reconciliations failed, Mr. Turner said, when he learned that his wife was "seeing other men."

Thus, the case came before Judge Hamill. How it would have ended today, not even the judge cares to divulge.

But like their charred and abandoned home, Judge Hamill observed, "there is little left now to save."

Scene of Palm Sunday Explosion

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Founded in 1901, Town Sees First Sunday Movie

ZION, Ill., Apr. 11 (UP)—Residents of Zion yesterday saw their first Sunday movie.

The former strict blue laws of the little town were no more.

More than 400 citizens jammed into Zion's only movie house to see a picture called "You Gotta Stay Happy."

A few doors down the street the eight alleys of the Zion bowling lanes were packed.

"This is great," one happy bowler said.

LAST TUESDAY, by a vote of 1579 to 1564, Zion voted to allow the movie house and bowling alleys to stay open on Sunday.

That was something that hadn't been allowed since John A. Dowie founded the town in 1801 as the home of his Christian Catholic Apostolic Church.

At one time there was no smoking, dancing, doctors, short skirts or pork allowed in Zion.

Man, 50, Found Dead In Gas-Filled Room

Elmer Beatty, 50, of 611 N. Delaware St., was found dead of asphyxiation in his gas-filled room yesterday.

Dr. Paul G. Dintaman, deputy coroner, said the victim's head was resting on a gas heater.

An autopsy covered his head and shoulders.

Owner of the rooming house, Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn, called police after other residents detected a strong odor of gas. Mr. Beatty, police were told, came to Indianapolis from Rochester about two years ago.

BACKS SECURITY BENEFITS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (UP)—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce recommended today that Congress extend old age and survivors insurance benefits to all groups not now covered.

Army to Drop Courts-Martial For Civilians

Tries to Head Off Criticisms in U. S. Over Bird's Arrest

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FRANKFORT, Apr. 11—Army authorities in Germany today moved to curb the use of courts-martial against American civilians, but at the same time announced a new policy giving Americans in Germany even fewer rights than they had before.

The move came in an effort to head off rising criticism of the Army's suppression of the civil rights of some 40,000 American civilians attached to or serving with the Armed Forces in occupied Germany.

An announcement by European Command Headquarters at Heidelberg said that unless a court-martial is "specially authorized" all civilians henceforth will be tried by military government courts.

This stemmed from criticism of the Army's action in arresting civilian post exchange manager, Russell G. Bird, at his home in Milwaukee, and returning him under armed guard to Germany to be court-martialed.

No Cigarette Sales
Despite this new ruling, Mr. Bird will be tried by court-martial as a "specially authorized" case. It is understood.

He is charged with misusing cigarette ration coupons and under Army law faces a maximum sentence of 30 years at hard labor, according to Col. F. M. Vandenberg, Staff Judge Advocate whose office will prosecute.

The switch to military government court jurisdiction over civilians is proudly stressed in the Army announcement as part of a new policy designed to "apply principles paralleling as closely as possible those in effect in the United States."

Actually, under the patched-together military court system here, American defendants before military government courts will have even fewer rights than they have before a court-martial.

Civilians haled before these courts still will have no right of habeas corpus, no right of trial by jury, no appeal to higher courts in the United States.

Dispute Germany
Courts-martial are bound by specific rules of evidence. Military government courts here in Germany have no specific rules of evidence. Any testimony, hearsay, or otherwise, may be admitted.

Military government courts will apply German law in trying American civilians. It has been announced. Most of the Army-appointed judges of military government courts do not read or speak German and know little about German law.

The fact is that the law now applicable to American civilians in Germany does not even contain the legal safeguards which German citizens enjoy.

In a decision on Mar. 14, the military government court of appeals held that the U. S. Constitution did not apply to American civilians in the United States occupied zone of Germany. This was contrary to a statement by President Truman.

On Feb. 18 he said the Constitution should follow the flag.

Teen-Agers Meet Opera Star

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Child Seriously Ill Of Liniment Drink

Jerry Cook, 2, was in fair condition in General Hospital today after drinking liniment.

His mother, Mrs. Alice Cook, said she found the child writhing in agony in their home, 651 Bradshaw St., last night and called police. They summoned a private ambulance and the child was taken to the hospital.

Burns also were suffered by Mrs. Cook's 53, and her daughter, Mrs. Rose Mae Noel, 17, when the pressure cooker exploded in their home, 433 S. Pine St., when the pressure cooker exploded on her stove yesterday afternoon. They were given first aid at home by police.

Police investigating a report of "noise" in the tavern found two men in the rear beer storeroom, each working over a safe.

The safes had been moved from the tavern proper into the rear room. Combinations were knocked off of both and one was already opened.

Hide Fingerprints
The two men were identified as Robert Anderson, 19, and William Torrence, 20, of apartments 6 and 5 of 809 Blake St. They were charged with vagrancy and breaking and entering.

Police said the pair broke into the Sunset Terrace and climbed through a service door from the dance hall into the tavern. They wore stockings as gloves to avoid fingerprints, police said.

Taylor Seath, manager, reported approximately \$50 taken from the safe which was opened but police said they did not find the loot on either man.

Here's my famous NICKEL LUNCH folks!

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In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics

INDIANA WEATHER
Fair weather will continue tonight and tomorrow as a low pressure area moves eastward and a high pressure area, now centered over the Rockies, slowly moves in to take its place. An absence of northerly winds will permit greater sun warming tomorrow.

Frost and near freezing temperatures are expected in the northern portion of the state tonight and light scattered frosts in the central portion.

See Weather Map on Page 4. Temperatures in Indianapolis one year ago today: High, 52; low, 33.

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU
Bureau: 5:14 | Sunset: 6:19
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m.: .27
Snow since Jan. 1: 2.26
The following table shows the temperatures in other cities:

City	High	Low
Albany	49	41
Boston	49	41
Chicago	49	41
Cincinnati	49	41
Cleveland	49	41
Denver	49	41
Des Moines	49	41
Indianapolis	49	41
Los Angeles	49	41
Minneapolis	49	41
New Orleans	49	41

DEATHS

Alma Fowler, 72, at Methodist, carcinoma.
Orville S. Stephenson, 71, at Veterans, carcinoma.
John A. Stoner, 71, at 1518 Woodlawn, cerebral hemorrhage.
Clifford A. Gilman, 71, at 5200 Fletcher, arteriosclerotic heart.
Mary M. Carter, 81, at General, prostatic hypertrophy.
Hazel M. St. 1415 Broadway, cerebral hemorrhage.
William H. Baker, 43, at General, subarachnoid hemorrhage.
Bernard B. Mathias, 57, at St. Vincent's, hemorrhage.

Forrestal 'Resting,' Hospital Reports

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (UP)—Former Defense Secretary James Forrestal was reported "resting very comfortably" today at the Bethesda, Md., Naval Medical Center where he is undergoing a thorough physical checkup.

Capt. E. W. Hogan, executive officer at the hospital, said he would "rather not" predict how long Mr. Forrestal will remain there.

The former cabinet member was admitted Apr. 2, five days after Louis Johnson succeeded him in the defense post.

Drew Pearson, radio commentator, said last night on his weekly broadcast that Mr. Forrestal was in a critical condition from a nervous breakdown.

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