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California and Western Medicine

PROPOSALS FOR A COMPULSORY SICKNESS INSURANCE LAW FOR CALIFORNIA

(Continued)

"Unhappy Days Are Here Again"—Re: Compulsory Sickness Insurance Laws.—Compulsory sickness legislation again confronts the medical profession of California. Recurrently, during the last thirty years, the physicians of our State have had this experience. However, in this year, 1945, the threat is more serious than ever before. That fact should be taken to heart by every Doctor of Medicine who wants high standards of medical practice to remain available to the citizens of California.

When the present 56th California Legislature started its one-month recess on January 26th, four major compulsory sickness bills had been submitted:

1. Assembly Bill 449, sponsored by the C.I.O.;
2. Assembly Bill 800, sponsored by Governor Earl Warren;
3. Assembly Bill 1200, sponsored by the California Medical Association;
4. Assembly Bill 1414, sponsored by Assemblyman Rosenthal. (This bill is identical with the measure proposed several years ago by former Governor Olsen.)

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Story Is Told In Current Issue.—The story of the introduction of these and related bills may be gleaned, if one will glance at the many items which appear in the current issue of California and Western Medicine, on pages 64 to 92.

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No Apology For Giving Space to What Is Taking Place.—No apology is made by the Editorial Board for giving so much space to a description of the events that have led up to the proposed legislation. If medical practice, as formerly and now conducted, is to have its best elements and procedures preserved and kept in operation, it will be necessary for every member of the California Medical Association to appreciate the significance of certain impending changes that now threaten the proper maintenance of the public health.

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The decision to establish the new service applies, of course, to Scotland as well as to England and Wales and the present Paper is concerned with both countries.

The special purpose of the Paper is to examine the subject generally, to show what is meant by a comprehensive service, and how it fits with what has been done in the past or is being done in the present, and so help people to look at the matter for themselves. The proposals made in the Paper (and summarized at the end) (Continued on Page 48)

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represent what the Government believes to be the best means of bringing the service into effective operation. The Government wants these proposals to be freely examined and discussed. It is stated that the Government will welcome constructive criticism of them, in the hope that the legislative proposals which they will be submitting to Parliament may follow quickly and may be largely agreed.

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of 1,000 a day was reported in a brochure published in connection with the expansion of the Foundation. Emphasis was also placed on the necessity of making the same treatment available to a civilian population which has heretofore found it beyond its means.

Formally organized in 1941, the Foundation has as its members a group seeking to assist in the advancement of psychiatry. Its activities in its three years of existence have included a dozen research and educational projects, construction of a modern research building with laboratories, classrooms and offices and the receiving of contributions from four foundations and from individuals.

Development of shorter and more effective methods of psychotherapy has been a major research project to meet what was described as a critical situation. Teaching of psychiatry both as a specialty and as an adjunct to general practice and creation of a loan fund to assist young physicians in financing their psychiatric education are parts of the educational program.

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