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As this issue of the "Comet" goes to press, much material has appeared in our city newspapers and may debates both pro and con have been waged concerning the question of socialized medicine. Even now the senate is considering legislation toward enactment of this supposedly all-important measure.

The doctors in private practice and especially those in the A.M.A. (which includes several thousand of the most capable medics) have long been opposed to socialized medicine and right now they are actively supporting anti-socialized medicine legislation.

If the same bill is being considered now by the Senators which was presented two or three years ago in the form of the Murray-Wagner-Dingel Bill, then the doctors of the medical profession as well as every right thinking citizen might well oppose such health insurance.

From the very fact that the legislation is termed "socialized medicine" ought to be reason enough to put us on our guard against such proposed legislation. Socialized medicine under the Murray-Wagner-Dingel Bill would become a reality. If I am informed correctly, a board of surgeons with the Surgeon General at the head would control the organization. Working through state and county boards this powerful group could dictate to patients what doctor to see or they could limit a doctor to one special locality or group of people. Furthermore, the doctor's salaries would be determined by

the government.

The disadvantages to such a plan are numerous. The doctors initiative to do good work would be lessened since his salary would be paid and fixed by the government. Because his service would be confined to certain areas or groups of people, his incentive to render the best kind of skill would be lost. With all this red tape there would be no special achievements after which a doctor might strive. The doctors, on the other hand, would be plagued constantly by over-burden-some patients—as long as aid was free, patients would crowd the office for a small injury or any other imaginary illness.

Patients would also suffer several disadvantages. They would have to be content with the same doctor whether or not they had confidence in him. Those requiring or wanting medical attention from another doctor, other than their own, would become disgusted and neglect medical attention because of all the red tape involved. Finally, money to finance this bill would come from the people of this country—taxes would have to be raised tremendously to pay even part of the expenses of sociailzed medicine.

These are just a few of many disadvantages, and I believe that before any action is taken on this measure, Congress, as well as the people of America, should investigate all proposals of socialized medicine and find out the facts about this proposed legislation.

College and H. S. Banquet Date: Set

"On May 14, at the Curtis Hotel." This brief statement may calm the anxiety in the hearts of many ambitious, over-eager college men, for this is the date and the place for the social engagement of the year—the Prima-Secunda Banquet.

Why not have the banquet at Concordia? This question, although asked and reasked, may still linger in your mind, the answer to it still may not satisfy you, but we believe that the majority of Prima, and some of Secunda have resigned themselves to custom. And with this reason in mind, they have decided to have the banquet away from our

academic home. The cost may seem prohibitive to some, but as the social experience of a life time, we believe that it very easily compensates the investor for his outlay of funds.

Without doubt it will again be attended by many college men accompanied by their friends. Not all arrangements for this affair have as yet been completed, but within the next few weeks final plans will be announced. Everyone planning on attending the event may rest assured that it will be a memorable occasion. The Secunda class cordially invites the entire Prima Class to be its guest at the Curtis Hotel, May 14. Bring your own partners!



Concordia College Alumni Association

Executive Committee: The Pastors Walter Marwede, Henry Brill, V. Ostermann, A. Schulz, A. Klemp, Fred Wahlers, Executive Secretary.

It gave this alumnus a great satisfaction that the article, "I Heard My Voice," did and could appear in the "Comet" announcing that the Executive Board of the Alumni Association had carried out the resolution of the 1948 Alumni Meeting and had purchased a recording machine. As the salt makes the potatoes taste bad when you do not put it into the potatoes, so at an institution many seemingly small things that are not at hand leave a vacuum, but are very handy and useful and helpful and necessary. The Alumni Association hopes that the recording machine will supply that that which, indeed, was there. One of the brethren, who is in the ministry, not so long ago said: "I know I am preaching much better since I have purchased my recording machine and was able to hear myself." The machine which was purchased is an Ultra-Tone Tape Recorder. Your executive secretary, who is at the same time part and parcel of Concordia College, says to all alumni: "Thank you, Executive Committee and alumni," who have contributed towards the purchase of the recording machine. It is safely tucked under the protecting care of Prof. E. Otto, head of the Speech Department, where it is being used and handled.

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A certain Tom Guifoyle sent us a bit of interesting news from the Creighton News Bureau, Omaha, Nebraska. I am not vouching for what is contained in the report about Creighton. Frederick A. Gunz completed his high school studies and one year of college at Concordia, St. Paul. At Milwaukee he took the subjects of the Sophomore college. St. Louis University must be Concordia Seminary. The letter from Creighton follows:

Frederick A. Gumz, son of Mr. Fred W. Gumz of Cadott, Wis., is attending Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska this semester.

Gumz was graduated cum laude from Concordia High School in St. Paul, Minn., where he lettered in track and played basketball and baseball. He attended Concordia, Milwaukee, and St. Louis Universities before enrolling at Creighton as a special student. He is working towards his master's degree in philosophy.

Creighton is a Catholic university, founded in 1878 by John and Edward Creighton, pioneer businessmen in the midwest. It is administered by the Jesuit Fathers and is the only private university between the Mississippi River and the West Coast. The present enrollment in the nine colleges that make up the university is 2700.

Gumz was a chaplain and served overseas as a first lieutenant for seewhteen months with the Army Chaplain's Corps.

Comet's Tale

A wife, intending to run for office in the city, wanted to show, her somewhat skeptical husband that she was truly interested in politics.

"Do you think that Congress will wear mourning?"

"Mourning? They ought to, but what brings that to your mind just now?"

"Why, haven't you heard of this dead Lock in the Senate?"

"Got a match?"

"Nope."

"Got a cigarette?"

"No, I don't smoke."

"Fine! Then I'm safe." And he sighingly reached for his own.

For the history sharks.

Prof: "What was the Irish Question?"

Student: "Who put the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's chowder?"

"Is he an important member of the family tree?"

"Yes, he's the sap."

Employer: "Do you think you are fit for hard labor?"

Applicant: "Some of the best judges in the country have thought

MOVIE (Continued)

Comet readers desiring to help in this worthy cause are requested to fill out the following form and mail it with their contributions to the League's office.

North-Central Minnesota District Lutheran Laymen's League Concordia College 275 North Syndicate St. Paul, Minnesota Gentlemen:

I want to assist in a special way in the North-Central Minnesota District of the Lutheran Laymen's beague in its project of producing a promotional film for Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, and therefore I am forwarding \$..... as my contribution to an underwriting fund. It is understood that this amount will be repaid me as the income from the completed film permits, such income to be derived from free-will offerings taken at all showings of the film and to be distributed on a pro rata basis. In the event the income from the film does not permit the repayment of all this amount, it is understood and agreed that the balance shall be considered a donation to the cause of promoting greater interest in the welfare of Concordia College.

Name
Street Address
City State

Representatives of District L. L. L.

Acceptance:

Date

Poet's Corner

MY PARENTS, OH MY PARENTS by William Fredrich

My parents, oh, my parents,
Long years you've cared for me
In toil and tribulation
And direst poverty.

Your care has been like angels
That guard me through the night,
Your deeds, a song of gladness
In ev'ry evil plight.

When I was weak and thoughtless, And led, by sin, astray, Your gentle admonition Showed me again the way.

It leads to life eternal
And that supernal joy
Where "Tears are ever vanquished,"
And "Smiles have no alloy."

In all my ways you loved me
With such a wondrous love,
It will not be surpassed
'Til I reach Heaven above.

Oh, noble Christian parents
What can I ever do?
Oh, how can I repay them—
These gifts received from you?

Should I be rich, my thousands
A feeble gift would be,
For money cannot purchase
The things you've done for me.

Oh, let me give my loving!
Oh, let me give my care!
May I be truly helpful!
Let me your sorrows share!

And Oh, with ev'ry giving,
For you my prayer shall be
That God will always keep you—
Now and eternally!

And when these days of sadness
Are hidden from your sight,
May you be joyful ever,
Before the throne of light!

And when, my journey over,
I cease this world to roam,
Oh, may your voice joyful
Join Christ's great "Welcome
Home!"