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choice to do something about it. The Michigan State Medical Society, 4,800 members strong with William J. Burns as a talented and capable secretary, evidenced its progressive leadership by recognizing the basic need for a paid health insurance.

Instead of compulsory insurance under government control, the Michigan remedy was this: Two volunteer non-profit corporations, the Michigan Medical Service and the Michigan Hospital Service, each chartered by the state legislature in 1939 whereby any citizen is eligible to subscribe to low-cost insurance covering both medical and hospital expenses.

Today the Hospital Service has more than 1,000,000 members; the Medical Service, close to 900,000. Each state health insurance program has begun to approach this outstanding success. Michigan not only leads the entire country; it leads the world.

Paradoxically, Michigan's progress reveals an emphasis on weakness of the American medical profession.

While \$68,000 persons are now insured in Michigan against medical expense incurred during illness, only 200,000 are so protected in Massachusetts and 176,000 in California, second and third ranking states in voluntary health insurance.

To dispel the apathy prevailing elsewhere, the Michigan medical society last April invited presidents of seven state groups in the Middle-West to a conference in Detroit. Its success led to the calling of a western regional conference in Colorado last June for ten states.

And finally, in an effort to induce national action, the cooperating 27 states—led by Michigan—are sponsoring a national conference in Chicago Sunday (Dec. 2).

While Michigan leaders remain discreetly silent, doctors admit privately that Michigan's leadership has not received the blessing and support of the august and distinguished American Medical Association which remains officially aloof, now as in the past, from the field of social insurance.

The dilemma of Michigan doctors is clear.

No matter how perfect Michigan's insurance program may become, Michigan alone cannot attain the spreading ideal of socialized medicine.

Unless all state medical societies cooperate for positive local action, some degree of national health insurance appears now to be inevitable within a decade. Our economic loss due to illness is tremendous. Quoting President Truman: "On the average day there are about 7,000,000 persons so disabled by sickness or injury that they cannot go about their usual tasks."

The number of days lost by illness is forty times greater than the time involved in industrial strikes over a ten-year period.

Forty per cent of counties in the United States lack a hospital; this deficiency is particularly severe in rural areas.

You can't blame the Michigan doctors for being genuinely concerned. If voluntary medical insurance can meet the challenge, national insurance and control may be averted. Can the "forest fire" be stopped? Is there time?

It is another test of the free enterprise system; of voluntary cooperation vs. state collectivism. History insists that every great war is followed by drastic change. A sharp swing to the left, bringing socialization of our modern economic life, would invalidate the institution of private medicine just as it would everything else. The doctor's dilemma affects us all.

ATABRINE AND QUININE GIVEN TO MICHIGAN VETS

The Veterans Administration is prepared to furnish an adequate supply of quinine and atabrine to veterans suffering from, or exposed to, malaria fever.

If, during his service in the Armed Forces, a Michigan veteran has contracted, or has been exposed to malaria fever, he should not wait for an attack or recurrence, but should make immediate application for atabrine or quinine to the Veterans Administration, Dearborn, Michigan.

In writing to the Veterans Administration a veteran may request the assistance of the counselor in the local counseling center. The veteran should give his name; rank; serial number; claim number (if any); date of induction; date of discharge; theater of operations in which he was exposed to malaria fever.

It is recommended that a veteran requiring atabrine or quinine for malaria should immediately file Veterans Administration Form 526 (Veterans' Application for Pension or Compensation for Disability Resulting From Service in the Active Military or Naval Forces of the United States).

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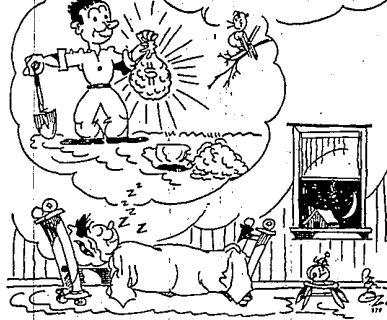
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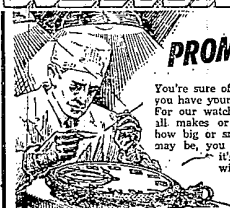
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