

Medicare: Who Is Con Artist

By JAMES DORAIS

Is the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare engaged in a con man approach in the promotion of the national administration's medicare program?

A former Social Security Administration official with a long background as a medical statistician and research consultant, Dr. Barkev S. Sanders, writing in the current issue of Nation's Business, claims in effect that the Department is doing just that in its statistical presentations of the projected cost of the medicare proposal.

If enacted into law, Dr. Sanders declares, the federally administered plan paid by Social Security taxes would cost at least three times what the Department's experts say it would and eventually perhaps 10 times as much.

The King-Anderson bill was approved by the Senate this year, but not by the House. Political experts believe it has an excellent chance of passing at the next session of Congress. Popularly known as medicare, although it makes no provision for paying doctors' bills, the King-Anderson bill would provide limited hospital, nursing facility and home-care coverage for the aged, without regard for the need, financed by increased Social Security taxes.

Officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare have testified to Congress that Social Security taxes would not have to be raised more than about one-half of one per cent of the taxable payroll for both employee and employer. This increase is based on an estimated total annual cost of the program of between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion.

According to Dr. Sanders, however: "On the basis of all available evidence, even in the first year, its cost would be at least three times the estimated cost." And "expenditures for it 15 years later would surely be more than seven times the latest government actuarial estimate, and it is probably that it would be 10 times more in terms of 1964 dollars."

Many factors contribute to the startling discrepancy between "official" cost estimates and those of impartial experts, chief of which is that costs of hospital care used by the Department are still based on a survey concluded in 1952 and never updated.

Dr. Sanders charges that "the Social Security Administration has been concealing the truth by means of its actuarial estimates." On

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New Center Predicts Payroll in Millions

Annual payrolls of more than \$162 million will be the result of the Watson Industrial Center, according to William T. Huston, president of the Watson Land Co.

The Center will have 100 or more industries by the time it's completed, "and based on the inquiries we're receiving and our own projections, these companies will average about 250 employees," continued Huston.

THE CENTER, located one mile west of Long Beach, comprises 600 acres — 106 owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad and the rest

owned by the Watson Land Co. It's expected to be fully occupied in about 15 years.

The site is bisected by the San Diego Freeway, with the Harbor and Long Beach freeways one-half miles on each side of it.

Off-site development work on 236 acres of the project currently is underway.

Huston said several companies—"some of them very fine prospects—are in serious negotiations concerning the Center," but he declined to identify any of them "until we can announce the signing of the lease."

All the Watson-owned acreage in the Center is for lease only, Huston added.

HUSTON SAID he anticipates that about 75 per cent of the Center's tenants "will move here from some place else in Southern California."

Army Pvt. Thomas J. Hitchcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Hitchcock, 2405 W. 182nd St., participated in Exercise Flying Tackle, a four-day field training exercise held in Korea by the 7th Infantry Division. The 20-year-old soldier entered the Army in April 1964 and completed

with the rest coming either from Northern California or out-of-state."

Development and sales for the center are being directed by the William J. Moran Co., 100-year-old Los Angeles engineering-construction-and-development firm.

basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He was graduated from South High School in 1962 and attended El Camino College before entering the service. He is now assigned as a tank driver in Company B, 1st Battalion of the 7th Division's 73rd Armor in Korea.

STILL THE BEST


In spite of scientific techniques and stockpiles of new evidence, historians have yet to equal Edward Gibben's history of the Roman Empire written nearly 200 years ago, says a UCLA scholar.

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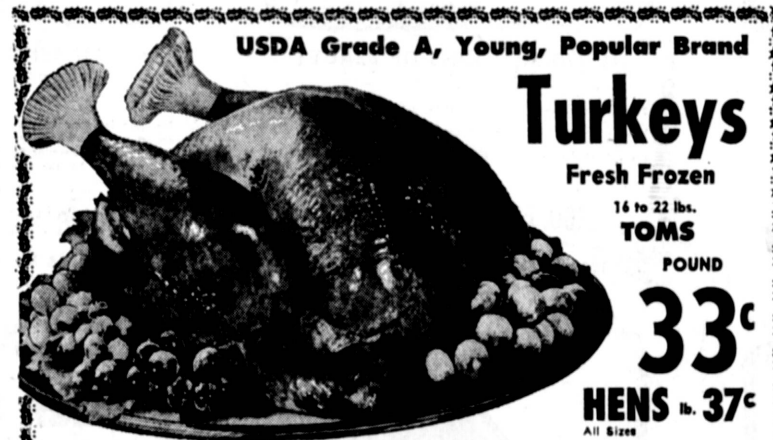
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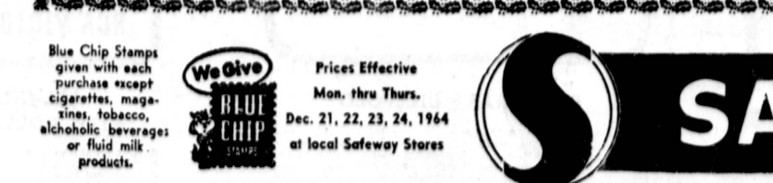
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