

'Doctor of Year' Expresses Dislike Of Plans for Medical Care of Aged

WASHINGTON (AP)—America's "general practitioner of the year" yesterday saw "a form of blackmail" in the legislation endorsed by the American Medical Association to finance medical care for aged persons unable to pay for it.

But he doesn't like the broad, Social Security approach favored by President-elect John F. Kennedy, either, and thinks the states and the doctors should do the job.

Dr. James T. Cook, 44, of Marianna, Fla., made his comments at a news conference shortly after the AMA had named him the 14th recipient of its annual award to a general practitioner "who has made an outstanding contribution to his community."

Cook was asked his view of recently enacted legislation under which medical care for the aged unable to pay for it would be provided by federal grants matched by state funds.

"That's a form of blackmail—I don't approve of it," he said, explaining that he meant that such a system forces a state to put up equal money in order to get a grant from the federal government.

Actually, the new law fixes the federal share at at least 50 per cent but can go up to 80 per cent in states of lowest per capita income. And in many cases states won't have to put up a cent to get the extra old age assistance money, being credited with funds they already are spending for public assistance.

But, almost in the same breath, he said he is strongly opposed, as is the AMA, to proposals by Kennedy and others that medical care for all the aged be financed through Social Security taxes.

Cook told reporters he believes it's the responsibility of states and local communities to take care of the hospitals while doctors should provide their services for the indigent, aged or otherwise.

If a state finds it cannot do so, he said, it could then appeal to the federal government for aid. But he stressed that he is against the federal government taking the initiative and the states accepting "anything that was offered" because "this makes it a political football."

Cook said extending Social Security to cover medical care for the aged "would have provided this only to people drawing a Social Security check."

Boycotts Stall Integrationists

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Angry white parents boycotted two integrated public schools yesterday, condemning four Negro first graders to virtual segregation once again.

"You've got the whole school to yourself now," yelled a woman as three of the 6-year-old pioneers in Deep South school integration entered McDonogh No. 19 school.

Seven U.S. marshals ushered the trio into McDonogh and three others accompanied the Negro girl who went into William Frantz School.

Hooting and jeering spectators numbered about 100 at McDonogh but only about 15 women were at William Frantz, the quietest school opening since integration began two weeks ago.

A week's holiday for the city's 93,000 public school pupils watered down the heat of those who demonstrated violently week before last.

Truancy and absence in the rest of the city's white schools dropped to nearly normal for a Monday. There was a 99.9 per cent boycott of William Frantz and McDonogh No. 19.

Royalty Reported Angry About Servant's Stories

LONDON (AP) — Legal experts plan a crackdown on former servants who divulge intimate goings-on in Britain's royal households, the Sunday Dispatch reports. Recent newspaper articles about the behind-the-scenes habits of royal personage reportedly have angered palace circles.

Apalachin Sentences Reversed by Court

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal appeals court yesterday upset the prison sentences of 20 delegates to the 1957 underworld convention at Apalachin, N.Y. The government, which had boasted of the convictions, was soundly criticized for its handling of the case from start to finish.

The three-man U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, unanimously dismissing the convictions, called the government's case "a boot-strap operation," based on "crash methods."

The opinion, in effect, accused the government of setting up a series of unproven assumptions, and then belaboring the defendants because they refused to go along with them. The prosecution never should have been started at all, the opinion held.

"In America, we still respect the dignity of the individual, and even an unsavory character is not to be imprisoned except on definite proof of specific crime," it added.

Actually, the 20 defendants have not been imprisoned. They have been free on bail pending the appeal since they were sentenced last January to federal sentences ranging from three to five years on conspiracy charges.

The 20 were convicted a year ago under the conspiracy indictment which the government hailed as a strong, new lever against organized crime in this country. The Justice Department at the time forecast that "syndicated crime may soon have its death knell."

The government offered an unusual argument during the trial here. First, it assumed that the gathering at Apalachin had a sinister motive—such as carving up gangland territory and rackets. But the appeals court said: "Perhaps the most curious feature of this strange case is the fact that after all these years there is not a shred of legal evidence that the Apalachin gathering was illegal or even improper in either purpose or fact."

Catholic Priests Assail Castro

HAVANA (AP) — Two Roman Catholic prelates have met Fidel Castro's renewed attacks on the Church with declarations implying his revolution is more Communist than Christian.

Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal of Havana and Archbishop Enrique Perez Serantes of Santiago assailed the revolution in statements read or distributed in two provinces Sunday.

Then the prime minister in a Sunday speech that ran into the early morning hours yesterday accused some priests of preaching counterrevolution for pay.

Two noise bombs exploded nearby as Castro addressed a rally at Havana University—part of a series of 19 or 20 touched off in the biggest counterrevolutionary demonstration yet in Havana. Neither casualties nor injuries were reported.

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Russians Accused Of Colonialism

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Britain injected the issue of Soviet colonialism into General Assembly debate yesterday over Premier Khrushchev's demand for immediate independence of all peoples living under colonial and UN trusteeship systems.

The move brought angry Soviet charges that Britain was poking into the internal affairs of the Soviet Union and resorting to cold war tactics. The clash marked the opening of debate expected to last more than a week.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin assailed the U.N. trusteeship system as an outmoded and an ineffective instrument of the colonial powers and declared it must be scrapped.

David Ormsby-Gore, British minister of state for foreign affairs, accused Zorin of using the assembly debate "simply as another occasion for vilifying my country and its allies, and for carrying the cold war into Africa, in the hope that perhaps it can be hotted up to its advantage."

Ormsby-Gore said that since 1939 about 500 million people, formerly under British rule, had achieved freedom and independence.

In that same period, he added, "the whole or part of six countries, with a population of 22 million, have been forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union. They include the world's three newest colonies—Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia."

Congolese Pursue Fleeing Lumumba

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—The Congolese army yesterday was ordered to pursue and capture fugitive ex-Premier Patrice Lumumba before he can reach his political stronghold of Stanleyville. His flight raised the threat of civil war in this troubled nation.

Lumumba drove past sleepy Congolese soldiers watching his villa Sunday night, leaving behind a statement saying he was going to Stanleyville for the funeral of his infant daughter.

But his political foes, President Joseph Kasavubu and Col. Joseph Mobutu, the army chief, seemed far from reassured by his promise to return within a few days for Kasavubu's unity conferences.

Kennedy Not Concerned With Election Challenge

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy said last night he is not concerned with Republican challenges of the presidential election vote in a number of states.

"My information is the court has been accurate," he said.

Kennedy told reporters this on the steps of the Georgetown home of Dean Acheson, former secretary of state, amid indications he may be nearing a

choice of a secretary of state. Emerging from a conference with Acheson, Kennedy gave no indication who he might have in mind for his administration's top foreign policy post.

And as to whether he offered Acheson a job, Kennedy said, "That is not what I came to see him about."

Today, Kennedy will be host at breakfast to Rep. Chester A. Bowles of Connecticut, who was his foreign affairs adviser during the campaign and has been mentioned for secretary of state.

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