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A HEALTH SCHEME WITH WIDE GAPS

which proved a stumbling block to earlier efforts to introduce a national health and benefits scheme, the agreement in principle between the British Medical Association and the Minister for Health (Sir Earle Page) about the plan outlined last week suggests at least some advance towards co-operation. It seems that the accord so far rests on no more than a vague, tentative framework, the working details of which are reserved for subsequent talks.

The co-operation of the medical profession is certainly essential to smooth working of a national health scheme. What astonishes many people is the extraordinary way the plan-if it can be called such -is taking shape, the mode of its piecemeal evolution at a leisurely pace, and the numerous large gaps that call for explanation. The many obscurities cause bewilderment, if not anxiety. Pharmaceutical chemists, whose co-operation is also important, make no secret of their opposition to the running of the scheme by selected institutions, with perhaps a large expansion of the activities of friendly societies' dispensaries.

Acceptance of the plan by the B.M.A. Council seems to be qualified by the reservations of more than one B.M.A. branch. But of greater moment than these aspects is the strange procedure in constructing the plan. What ought to be a matter of primary consideration by the Government, setting out to fulfil a definite policy, is being left to the last instead of the first stage. The process of framing proposals in consultation with special interests has already led to disclaimers by the Prime Minister, who points out that the national health scheme has not yet come before Cabinet. The people are left to conjecture whether, if it be possible to conciliate and reconcile all interests, the resultant scheme will prove acceptable to the Government, as well as to the community.

It would have been more satisfactory if, after a firm general declaration of policy by the Government, the structural and working details, including matters of procedure, had been filled out in consultations with the professional bodies and interests directly concerned. The Page plan would commit the people to a principle of voluntary insurance for medical and hospital benefits, up to 90 per cent. of the costs, if they want to provide against the financial risks of illness. Apparently, those who do not join a friendly or insurance society cannot claim benefits, even though they are being levied 1/6 in the pound of their incomes for such services.

Voluntarism in these conditions begins to look like coercion. Doctors protested at what they felt to be regimentation, but now it seems that the process is to be applied in another direction. Electors last year were not told that this type of benefit would be available only to those who paid insurance charges or friendly society fees, in addition to taxes. To hand over administration to friendly societies, some of which may be less efficiently managed than others, is hardly the proper way to ensure that Australia would be making a real advance in modern services and

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In all large senses the outline is inchoate and nebulous; political and financial phases are left blank. -

ROLE OF THE COUNTRY **PARTY**

MERS of the Country party gained nothing Because the various depart-on the edge of the city.

They have drinks in each government are, to They have drinks in each attitude toward the State Government. Having re- an English eye, incredibly in- other's gardens and their elected their office bearers, and tacitly decided to dependent of each other, their wives meet shopping in the maintain a separate entity, the straightforward official dealings with each other neighborhood. In the mornmaintain a separate entity, the straightforward course would have been to say so instead of continuing to play the fruitless game of party politics. In These quarrels are largely temples which house the dethe rural constituencies the recent acrimonious election was a struggle by the Country party for its right to continued existence. The electors in sufficient numbers accorded it that right, and at the same time determined the party's role for the immediate future.

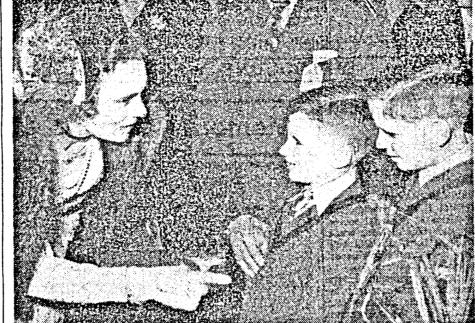
Inconvenient as it might be for the Liberals to function as a minority Government in a three-party Assembly, the election results left no option in that respect. The issue was one of the Government's own choosing. Having appealed unavailingly for the extinction of the Country party and sufficient strength to govern independently, it was returned with reduced numbers, but still slightly the largest party in the House. Now it must perforce continue on the merits of the measures it brings forward and the manner in which it conducts business. The Country party reverts to what, after twenty years, has become its reverts to what, after twenty years, has become its reverts to what, after twenty years, has become its more varied than it used to traditional position, exercising the balance of power be, since the Civil Service was in the Assembly.

To the people of Victoria it matters little in which corner of the House the Country party minority sits.

Roosevelt. When he became President, there were fewer The Country party, as well as the other two parties, than 70,000 civil servants in will be judged only on performances. If the corner party capriciously exploits its position at the point of there were about 270,000. balance, the fact will soon become apparent, and will be du'r noted by the electors.

In his early, radical years the Country party won for itsell a place as a separate entity on the slogans Principle, before parties and measures before men.

Young Britons to Become Farmers Ferment in



THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER, who is president of the Fairbridge Society, talks with young Britons during a farewell party at Australia House, London, for 34 children who left last week for the Fairbridge Farm school at Pinjarra, West Australia. The society's aim is to restore family life to orphans and deserted children.

Life in Washington

Mr. Truman Moves Out of the White House

By a Special Correspondent

By a Special Correspondent

The eighteenth century, when Washington was planned and

Acknowledging the greeting, he said: "I am sorry to be growing to be so old. But I just founded, has also left its mark on the town. The White House is still the home of the local squire as well as the executive mansion of the President—at least it was his home till it was found a few months ago to be falling down.

Today, Mr. Truman has had to move to an old private house across the street, and is forced to do his official entertaining in a neighboring hotel.

TOUCH IT IN THE

partments of government.

Today is the tenth anniver-

ASHINGTON IN 1 the spring is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It has all the charm of a sleepy small town in one of the Southern States. with its magnolia trees and cherry blossom and every garden bursting plum and for-

These quarrels are largely settled, or exacerbated, at the dinner table. For the society of Washington is almost entirely political; there are virtually no writers (except journalists), no painters,

mpletely remodelled during the long reign of President Roosevelt. When he became

Inner Life

sary of the evacuation of Dun-Inevitably, in recruiting this kirk-perhaps the most gloriservice, men and women were ous retreat in British history. called from almost all profes- On May 31, 1940, the vansions, and the higher ranks guard of a battered but un-

mosphere is even more informal and club-like than that of question hour at Westminster.

Poison-Pen

has devised its own methods of continuing an easy social life despite them.

political and international implications of Senator Mc-Carthy's campaign are very great, but the personal dis-ruption it has caused is even

The ancient Constitutional

The capital is accustomed to

But in the past few months a sort of poison-pen cam-paign has rocked Washing-ton to its foundations. The

denied, but McCarthy simply repeats them with a knowing wink, hinting in the broadest way that to deny that you are a Communist is ruch a well-known Communist trick that it almost clinches his case.

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"It is taking away from me this one day on which I have a legitimate excuse for not being at my work. God says there shall be a day in the week on which we shall not work," he concluded.

Rev. A. J. Henderson (Will-Of course, the charges are

News of the Day

Europe "Not Political" Ferment and trouble in

Letters to the Editor Backing

Loans for Homes

Sir.—The proposal of the Premier to Europe does not stem introduce a bill whereby the Government politics or "a foreign phiwill guarantee advances by profit-seeking The founder of the Young Building Societies is definitely a step Catholic Workers' Movement (Rev. Father F. W. Lombard)

said this yesterday, when he addressed a Y.C.W. business IF THIS PROPOSAL IS home builder to purely land served with the men's luncheon.

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grant ship, from an eight-month tour of United Kingdom This is due to the Housing Commission having tied up thousands of building lots in the suburban area, making it extremely difficult for the prospective street, Melbourne).

Hawthorn. The first batch of 50 lads will leave England soon.

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In Britain he arranged

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achievements," he declared.

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and Europe.

Farmers and Rush for Least High Standard "Australia has the highest living standards of any country I visited," he stated. "Those migrants who re-turned from here disgruntled should not have come here in the first place. They are un-

able to overcome the early loneliness." Father Lombard presented a report on Y.C.W. activities to the Pope, who expressed his pleasure in the report.

Archbishop Mannix, a guest at the luncheon, was warmly

cannot help it. I continue on whatever I do about it."

ABOUT PEOPLE

The Governor, accompanied by Lady Brooks and Miss Forget that.

Brooks, and attended by The Commonwealth Bank bemembers of the personal American Memorial day service established by the Labor and any price asked in staff, was present at the at St. Paul's Cathedral yester-

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myself in 1915 and 1916, when the grain speculators, backed by the private banks, In other cases, families would have robbed us as we separated and parents struggled along. We don't forget that.

longs to the people. It was prepared to pay any established by the Labor and any price asked in party in spite of the Con-servative party (now Liberal Finally, I selected a party in spite of the Con-

overwhelming vote for It is not possible for me answer individually at a Lady Mayoress at the Comedy
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farmer, Albert Park).

should, perhaps, add by have leased the house what the tenant has a cribed as "a very fair m. "No Day of Rest for the Parson" Parliamentar)

Monday—generally recognised as "the parson's holiday"—is becoming just another working day, according to Rev. J. E. Owen, of Gardiner Presbyterian APROPOS THE LETT

Church. Mr. Owen disclosed this an attack on Christian observ-This young wid-western when speaking at the Presby-ance of the Sabbath by a news-senator has challenged the terian Assembly yesterday dur-paper, radio and sporting very basis of communal life ing a discussion on the increas-bodies, and by Lord Mayors. washington, or any other observance of the Sabbath. | ike this cannot address them Many people at the

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Dinner Parties

life remains compact and, somehow, local.

Cabinet Ministers, Supreme that part of life in the capital, in some ways comparable to senior officials live as neighbors in the surprisingly beauther basis of English official life.

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To the man in the street

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