

increased to the point where, as in Britain today, you might have to wait much longer for an operation. It would also result in fewer beds being available for the acutely ill of all ages within our communities.

### IF THE PLAN BECAME LAW, WOULD THIS MEAN STATE MEDICINE?

Yes. It is gross *misrepresentation* to say that a Government plan would merely mean the transfer of responsibility for payment of the Doctor's bill to a PAYING AGENCY. No matter how you look at it, the Paying Agency is ultimately *Government*. This means:

- Health department people who are civil servants would make decisions affecting your everyday life.
- government budgets are rigidly controlled, requiring limitations on health care expenditures.
- health care budgets would compete with budgets of other departments for roads and other services.
- total health care suffers.
- You pay *more and more* for *less and less*.



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## JUST WHAT IS POLITICAL MEDICINE?

Political medicine is the type of medicine this Province can expect if *Government* — any Government, controls you and your Doctor. It would mean red tape, bureaucratic control, high costs and inferior medical care. Decisions affecting you and those who provide the service would be subject to POLITICAL considerations bearing no relation to your NEEDS. Such plans were overwhelmingly *rejected* in 1955 by democratic plebiscite in large areas of the province by a popular vote of 4 to 1.

## WHO WOULD RUN THE PROGRAM AND RULE ON WHAT SORT OF TREATMENT MUST BE PROVIDED?

The Provincial Government through government employees, would make decisions seriously affecting you the patient, and the Doctor.

## WHAT WOULD ALL OF THIS COST?

The Government refuses to say, but any estimates for the first and second year

would skyrocket — as they did in Great Britain.

## WHO WOULD PAY THE BILL?

You would, through:

1. Direct compulsory taxation of \$35 - \$40 minimum per family.
2. Direct increased taxation by raising the existing Hospital and Education Tax, making an imposing contribution for each family.
3. Indirect "general revenue" taxes on gasoline, business, etc.

Making a total MUCH MORE than that now asked by Voluntary Prepaid Plans.

## IS SUCH A COMPULSORY PLAN NECESSARY?

No. Voluntary Health Insurance has made spectacular gains in the past 12 years. During that period, the number of persons covered has risen from 5,000 to over 320,000 in the medical plans. Two-thirds of the people in the province today have Health Insurance in some form. The

Government Plan proposes a PERMANENT INFLEXIBLE GOVERNMENT SCHEME at a high cost as the answer to a MINORITY problem. You, the self-reliant and responsible citizen, are being asked to exchange a QUALITY PLAN for an unknown quantity of medical service.

## HOW WOULD THE PLAN AFFECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN?

Unfavorably. You, as a patient, would have to choose a physician under contract with the Provincial Government. Your Doctor would be forced to conform to administrative regulations which could hamper him from prescribing the treatment which, in his professional opinion, you needed. In Britain, 1,300 pages of regulations are required to direct the Doctor.

## HOW WOULD THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE BE AFFECTED BY THE INSTITUTION OF SUCH A PLAN?

The dangerous overcrowding of your local hospitals, which now exists, would be