

# WHAT YOU GET FROM the NEW HEALTH SERVICE

FOR months now the newspapers have reported the battle of the doctors, the revolt of Harley-street, the indignation of the top-income surgeons and physicians about Britain's new National Health Service.

In the smoke of the conflict the ordinary people, who stand to benefit so much, are losing sight of the issue.

On July 5 next every man, woman and child in the land will have the right to enjoy the most sweeping social change of a century.

FROM THAT DATE THERE WILL BE A HEALTH SERVICE WHICH EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO USE AS WE NOW USE OTHER THINGS COMMONLY OWNED, LIKE A PUBLIC PARK OR A ROAD OR STREET LIGHTING; ENJOY THEM WITHOUT FEE OR FAVOUR.

Here are details of the scheme:

## FREE, WHATEVER YOUR NEEDS

1. Everybody is offered FREE every kind of medical, nursing and dental treatment. Whether you are a duke or a cook you will have at your disposal all the health-giving resources of the country: doctors, surgeons, dentists, midwives, nurses, hospitals, sanatoria, ALL FREE.
2. Your medicines will be provided FREE by chemists participating in the service. In country districts many doctors will dispense their own medicines.
3. You get FREE dental treatment, free fillings, free dentures (anything you ask for beyond what you really need you will have to pay for).
4. If you have eye trouble a specialist will be at your service without fee. If he decides you need glasses, you get them FREE.
5. If you have trouble with your ears a specialist will treat you. For the deaf there will be a new hearing aid, invented by a committee of the Medical Research Council. It will be supplied FREE.
6. Expectant mothers can have special doctors as well as midwives, and general care before and after confinement.
7. If you have to go to hospital you go FREE. There you can have specialist diagnosis, consultant second opinions, advice and treatment of all kinds. Those who need it can have every kind of special hospital treatment, including care of mental health. Your family doctor will arrange all these things for you. Those who want to do so can pay for the extra privacy of small wards or private rooms. And if you do not want to use the service at all—although you must still pay into the scheme—you can still get private nursing-home or hospital accommodation.
8. There are other major changes to come. In cities and towns, when we

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can afford the materials, there will arise health centres.

Here the doctors will have their surgeries. Beside them will be the best and most modern equipment that science can supply.

In addition, the county authorities are going to provide home health services which will treat children and mothers, look after vaccinations and home nursing.



And how does the working of the service affect you? It is simple. You merely choose your doctor. Nearly everybody will choose his present family doctor, although all the members of a family need not go to the same doctor. Parents choose for their children.

The doctor will provide the same private, confidential treatment that he does today. If the doctor of your choice will not take you (he may already have enough patients), you can easily get another. You can change your doctor at any time.

Remember that the whole family—father, mother and children—no matter how many children—get free medical, dental and nursing care.

And that, as now, the doctor will see you either in your own home or in his surgery.

### It is NOT Charity

There are no difficulties. Even if you or your children fall ill when away from home or are involved in a road or rail accident, you still get free treatment from any doctor taking part in the scheme. Old age pensioners, not employed, pay nothing at all and get the full service.

Even foreigners, temporarily resident here, will be treated free.

It is all free, but it is not charity. We all subscribe to the cost of these services. We are all entitled to demand the best that skill and experience offer.

A child or an old age pensioner, a boy of six or a woman of sixty are all in the scheme.



SOME OF THE THINGS, LIKE THE HEALTH CENTRES, CANNOT APPEAR OVERNIGHT. THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE SHORTAGE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, OF HOSPITALS, OF EQUIPMENT, OF NURSES, AND THERE MAY BE TOO FEW DENTISTS.

But what a chance it is for all of us, the sick and the healthy, the rich and the poor, the young and the old.

And what a glorious promise of better, healthier, stronger men and women in the Britain of tomorrow.

GEORGE McCARTHY

## VIEWPOINT

### YOUR RAILWAYS

THE first thing to do now that the railways belong to the people is to reduce the fares, which are absurdly high. People are being forced into overcrowded buses while a good many trains are running nearly empty.—Ralph Leonard Smith, North-road, Hertford.



ONE of the first jobs is to better the lighting of the station names.

Practically every station in the kingdom is a disgrace—drab, dark and miserable looking, with nameplates almost impossible to read.

Brightness, cheerful colours and cleanliness all give encouragement to individuals to do a good day's work. Miserable places lower efficiency and health.—Cecil E. Vincent, Heathtree-road, Plumstead, London S.E.

### NAVY

AFTER two years of the dullness of life in a country district, following thirty-one years in the Royal Navy, I would give my gut eye to be back in the blue which taught me the meaning of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit

of happiness."—W. C. Harris (Ex-C.P.O.), Hatton-gardens, Kingston, Herefordshire.

### FRATTING

WHY is it that ATS girls in the BAOR are not allowed to frat? The war has been over for years now, and it is time the ban was lifted. Soldiers are allowed to go with frauleins so why can't we go with the men?—Wonderer, ATS, BAOR.

### PETROL

GOVERNMENT officials should set an example in the saving of precious petrol by using small cars. It is ridiculous to see one little official being driven about in a huge great car by a chauffeur.—B. L., Accrington, Lancs.

### DESSERTERS

AMERICA has given deserters an amnesty. It is time we did. After all, the 18th men have been released.

I didn't desert because I was yellow—I went to Malta in convicts three times during the war—but for entirely other reasons.

Now I feel very uncomfortable when my daughter asks: "Where is Daddy's nation

book?" I'm doing nothing wrong in the way I get a living, but I'd like to get into essential work.—A., Dalston, London, E.

### MANNERS

MY wife and her ex-Italian sister-in-law, who expects a baby soon, had to stand for twenty minutes coming home the other night in a train compartment full of men.

You can guess what the sister-in-law thinks of British manners.—P. F. R., Burstow-road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.



BLUE TIT

doing of starvation. So far, land birds in general have not suffered, and it is to be hoped that February will treat them kindly. JOHN ARMITAGE.

## THIS IS WHAT IT COSTS YOU

NOBODY pays for the Health Service as a separate item. It forms part of the contribution we all make to the social insurance plan—the successor of Beveridge—that gives us pensions, unemployment and sickness benefits, guardians' allowances, death grants and payments to mothers and widows.

For all these things an employed man will buy an insurance stamp for 4s. 7d. a week, and this payment will cover his wife and family who are not wage earners. An employed woman will pay 3s. 7d., a youth at work 2s. 8d., and a working girl 2s. 2d. There are special schemes for people who work for themselves, like shopkeepers, and people with money who don't work.

Of that stamp contribution the new national health service costs a man 10d. a week, a woman 8d., youths and girls 6d. And the whole thing will bring in £700,000 a week.

You are going to get the best available value for your money.



AT present most working men pay 2s. 10d. a week for national health, pensions and unemployment insurance. The new charge of 4s. 7d. a week is an increase of 1s. 9d., but covers a vast increase in benefits.

## Courage

OLD soldiers never die... story about two old soldiers wouldn't fade away, either.

They met within a few hours of each other, mobbed. Their previous meeting was in a Burma battlefield where one lost an arm and one eye.

The other had lost an arm in the first world war, doing his bit in World War I.

They didn't form a new book publishing company. They formed a book publishing company. Capital: One hand, the other an eye.



ONE of them was a... One of his associates was a fellow soldier. He was a youth. He was a youth.

They determined to make every opportunity of book publishing. They determined to make every opportunity of book publishing.

Today business is their first book. Their first book is North-East South-West, written by an ex-soldier. It is sold out in its first week.

Book Two is about soon, was written by the same pair. It is all about life in the trenches.

I ASKED the Colonel A. Kent—why he and his partner formed their joint association to publish books.—To try to make a living, he said.

"I served in the 1914-1918 war, was captured by the Germans, and spent three years in solitary confinement—for thirteen months going mad, I wrote."

"I knew I must publish after the war. The end. Other soldiers' books after the war, then practical work. Coldharbour Press, partner, came to be."

It is surprising to find only two eyes on one hand between