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Mr. W. C. Simons,
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I have your letter of the 14th calling attention to the National Heart Institute and urging financial support for it.

As you know, our sub-Committee of Appropriations has just completed hearings in which we have been asked to appropriate millions for each of several research programs. All of them are worthy undertakings, and there is need for research, but the taxpayers of this country just can't stand the load if we undertake all the programs proposed on the scale they are submitted to us. It does not seem desirable to stop all research in one or more fields in order to advance it in another, so we try to do the best we can with what we have to keep all of these research studies going.

It might be observed that each of these research projects in the field of medicine, for example, dove-tail in with the Administration's over-all program for the socialization of the medical profession. By getting the medical men interested in these research programs the planners in the Administration are, I fear, subtly maneuvering them into a position where, perhaps in the not too distant future, they can no longer take an active position in opposition.

I am no less concerned about the rapid increase of heart disease, in particular, than anyone else, but I wonder some times whether a large part of the answer might not be found in the rapid pace of modern life and the constant tension under which we are living.

Your letter is appreciated, and I assure you I shall give this item careful and conscientious consideration when we take it up.

Yours for a Thrifty 'Fifty,

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