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## The A. M. A. Prefers To Keep in the Dark

**W**E have said before that reaction is concentrating on defeating public health plans. That is seen by the way things are going both at Washington and at Sacramento, as well as the way publisher Frank Gannett's "League to Uphold the Constitution" and assorted Tory and pro-Fascist journals are firing at both the national and state plans.

The American Medical Association is no innocent bystander, either. Feeling that opposition to the California Health Insurance bill in its own name would give the AMA a bad name, Fishbein & Co. are moving in the dark.

A gent named Asen has arrived from AMA headquarters in Chicago, to organize the fight, with an ample supply of "ways and means" from the AMA ways and means committee chairman whom he "saw" in Texas.

Every M. D. in California is being nicked for a minimum of Five Bucks, in addition, to accumulate a boodle fund to make reaction pay for state legislators. But with all that, the AMA wants to keep itself and its state organization from drawing public opprobrium by openly fighting the bill.

So when you see that the Pharmaceutical Association, the Retail Druggists' Association, and even the mournful Morticians, are making loud noises of opposition to the California Health Insurance bill, you will know that Mr. Asen of the AMA is earning his salary by lining up all these, and perhaps other organizations, to fight the AMA battle against health for the people.