ANNIS AT FORUM

Doctor Describes Medicare As Fraudulent Vote-Getter

By PALMER BEARD

Medicare is nothing but a fraud perpetrated upon the American people by demagogues whose only aim is to get votes. This is the substance of the conclusions drawn by Dr. E. R. Annis, president-elect of the American Medical Association.

DR. ANNIS, who spoke before a large crowd in Hamman Hall last Thursday night, was presented by the Rice Forum Committee.

Not content with decrying half-truths about Medicare, Dr. Annis carried his arguments against an implied liberal conspiracy into broader fields, including tax structure, aid to education, and relations with Castro.

THE MIAMI doctor, who next June will take office as president of an organization not noted for its love of federal welfare programs, (especially those involving medicine) presented as his basic argument the fact that anyone over sixty-five will be able to benefit by the King-Anderson Bill sponsored by the Kennedy administration.

Though offering no definite alternatives to the administration proposals, he discussed the Florida plan for free care for the medically indigent with which he is intimately connected.

Citing statistics questioned later by his audience, Dr. Annis depicted the failures of the British experiment in socialized medicine,

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equating King-Anderson, which includes no provision for paying doctor bills, with the completely state-run British system.