

A FIRST-HAND REPORT

Britain's national health service is ailing

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By DESMOND FISHER
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LONDON — Britain's National Health Service is sick. Some say it will not survive its 19th birthday next July 5. But others think this is far too pessimistic a diagnosis. They say that the present troubles are only growing pains. Give it a

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proper chance to develop. They plead, and it will live to a ripe and useful old age.

The symptoms of the illness are varied. The major one is the dissatisfaction of Britain's 23,000 family doctors who are the Health Service's mainstay. They complain of overwork, underpay, loss of status. Half the 13,000 junior hospital staffs are threatening to break away from the said British Medical Association in order to get faster results.

The patients are not altogether happy either. They grouse about skimpy attention, disinterest on the part of the doctor and sometimes of downright inhumanity on the part of the hospitals. Half a million of them are waiting for a hospital bed. Emergency cases will get one.

But some people with less understanding at the beginning of their turn come.

THE HOSPITALS counter-attack with charges of decrepit buildings and inadequate funds for equipment. One hospital director reported recently that five patients had died because there was a shortage of attendants to work the heart machines. Some of the best doctors emigrate because of hopelessly outdated research and treatment facilities. The Ministry worries about rising costs. No one is happy.

"Things are certainly difficult," a Ministry of Health official said. "What is happening is that a lot of separate problems are boiling over at the same time. Individually any one of them could be settled easily enough; it is the combination of them that makes things awkward."

He listed some of the problems: the need to improve standards of treatment for patients; to devote more time to psychiatric and psychosomatic illness; to pay doctors adequately; to improve their conditions of work and maintain their status; to build new hospitals and modernize old ones; to provide modern equipment; to cut hospital waiting lists; to concentrate more on preventing illness in addition to curing it.

The most explosive, though not necessarily the most important, of these problems is that of the pay and conditions of the family doctors in the service. All along, ever since the Service was launched, doctors have been its severest critics. Much of the trouble of the past 18 years was due to the profession's deep-seated suspicion that its cherished independence was threatened.

In the past two years, this dissatisfaction has been concentrated on the doctors' pay and conditions of work. The

long-simmering crisis came to a head at the beginning of this year when the doctors rebelled.

They had a pay claim "in the works." To back it up, 18,000 out of 23,000 of them signed—but not dated—their resignations from the Service. They sent the resignations to their professional organization with permission to date them and forward them to the Minister if the negotiations failed.

After a month of feverish charge-counter-charge, a temporary increase was secured. The temperature of the controversy fell. But everyone realizes that the settlement simply bought time. The deep-seated causes of the crisis remain and they must be settled soon if the whole NHS is not to collapse.

"The great majority of us want the Health Service to work," one doctor told me. "Giving in our resignations was not done just to get a raise, such but only against the way it is working in practice."

Another said: "It would be impossible to try now to unscramble the omelette. The Health Service is here to stay. But something pretty drastic must be done if it is to be made to work properly and get over the present troubles."

THE TROUBLES of the NHS were largely bred into it. From the very beginning it was a compromise between what should and what could be done. Lord Beveridge's famous Report in 1942 had, out of the darkness of the war-time misery, conceived the ideal—a comprehensive and free medical service for all from the cradle to the grave.

The national government un-

Editor's Note—The United States is beginning its first experimental health insurance program. Medicare. Its success or problems are not yet known. But in Britain, the second-tomb National Health Service has had 18 years of experience. From his home base in London, Desmond Fisher writes a three-part report on the crisis in state-funded medical insurance in his country. The first article, outlining the problems, appears here.

der Winston Churchill endorsed the Report. It was left to Aneurin Bevan, Labor's post-war Minister of Health, to implement it. He had to do so on the basis of what was already there. And that was a ragged system of voluntary and tax-supported hospitals, working side by side but with no co-operation, providing a completely inadequate number of beds in mostly antiquated premises with mainly obsolete equipment.

Opposition from the doctors had to be broken down, the public distasteful "free" medicine overruled, systems of payment and control devised and a whole administrative machine built up. Many decisions taken on an ad hoc basis in 1946 still cause much of the weaknesses in the NHS.

Today, however, the National Health Service is the second largest undertaking (coming after the armed services) in Britain. It employs in its 3,000 hospitals, 21,000 doctors and dentists, 210,000 nurses and midwives, 25,000 other professional and technical staff, 35,000 administrative and clerical workers, and 209,000 maintenance and domestic staff. Outside the hospitals there are 23,000 family doctors, about 10,000 dentists and 7,000 opticians. The Ministry of Health, which runs the Service, has a staff of 5,000. The cost of this vast undertaking has shot up far beyond

the early estimates. Aneurin Bevan had anticipated that the Service then had been anticipated that the first year's cost would be 170 million pounds (\$478 million). Actually it was 365 million pounds (\$1,078 million). Last year it was 1,122 million pounds (\$3,140 million); this year probably 1,250 million pounds (\$3,500 million).

THE MINISTRY of Health officials explained: "First of all, many more people joined the Service than had been anticipated—97 per cent of the population and all but 450 of the doctors. And this huge number of patients had a huge number of ailments. The pent-up backlog was far greater than anyone expected. There were also the abuses—foreigners flocking in for free visits and free operations; British people stuffing their sofas with Health Service cotton-wool and piling up pills by the boxes.

"And all the time costs—of salaries and wages, of hospital building and equipment, of drugs and appliances—went up and up," the spokesman shrugged.

The soaring costs are not obvious to the patient. The only direct payments he makes are the weekly NHS charges (about 10 cents for men, 40 cents for women, and 30 cents for juveniles under 18 of which the employer in all cases pays about 10 cents), the one pound (\$2.80) he pays when he goes for a course of dental treatment and one or two times a year to the optician, dentures, wigs, hearing-aids and other appliances.

Is the NHS worth it? Yes and No. One patient told me: "I go only once or twice a year to the doctor. If I paid privately it would cost me less than the Health Service does. But I have to pay NHS contributions anyway so I see no point in paying twice."

He was probably an exception. The average patient visits his doctor—or is visited by him—six times a year. If he did that privately, and paid extra for the

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medicine ordered—he would not get out for much less than he pays at present. And in addition, he is covered for hospital, dental and optical treatment.

"The fact is," a doctor said, "the Health Service is much more than it appears on the surface. The treatment is only one side of it. It is an insurance scheme as well. It buys you peace of mind and that is something you would pay a lot for outside the Service."

Other doctors corroborated this view. One told me of a patient who has cost the Service hundreds of pounds in expensive drugs. Another said, "I have a patient at present who is having treatment that would cost her 800 pounds (\$2,240) or so if she paid privately. As it is she won't have to pay a penny."

And an older doctor recalled what happens when there is no free Service: "WHEN THE NHS started in 1948," he said, "many of us thought it was the beginning of the end. It would break down if it were not for the 4,000 Indian, Pakistani and Irish doctors and the thousands of Irish and Jamaican nurses. As the horizons of medicine expand, as sub-acute psychiatric

illness becomes more common, as the stress in medicine turns from cure to prevention, the concept of the NHS is changing too and the practice problems are growing worse. It is no exaggeration to say that the British National Health Service is in a grave crisis which only major structural changes can solve.

Next week: The doctors' dilemma.

And there is growing dissatisfaction among the medical profession. "Three hundred doctors have started their own scheme and resigned from the NHS. Some 400 to 500 doctors are emigrating every year. The shortage of doctors over the country as a whole is variously estimated at between 15,000 and 30,000. The whole NHS would break down if it were not for the 4,000 Indian, Pakistani and Irish doctors and the thousands of Irish and Jamaican nurses."

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Educator lambasts ND's school study

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — The chief director of the massive study of U.S. Catholic schools published by the University of Notre Dame last August has strongly criticized the completed survey.

William H. Conley, now president of Sacred Heart University here, said the study suffers from outdated statistics, inadequate questions and poor sampling techniques.

The study, carried out at Notre Dame with a \$350,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation, was launched in 1961.

"That data was ready for publication in October, 1963," he said in a statement Sept. 28. "It should have been released then. It is very misleading now. The changes have been so dramatic in the past year that it should immediately be done over."

CONLEY SAID that "for example, we know that teachers in the past five years. We know that more teachers have gotten

Seminar slated for canon lawyers

PITTSBURGH — Thirty-five scholars will attend a seminar on the role of law in the Church here October 9 to 10. The seminar, sponsored by the Canon Law Society of America, will be a three-day period of intensive study and discussion among authorities in canon law, theology, philosophy and related fields.

Father James Cortada, dean and chancellor of the Gary, Ind. diocese and chairman of the program, said the seminar will be held in response to the growing need for a re-evaluation of law in the Church. He cited a 1959 request of Pope John XXIII for a renewal of Church law and a recent speech of Pope Paul VI envisioning a new era for Church law.

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DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSIS—A British mother listens to the physician's diagnosis after he has examined her child. Under the National Health Service, she paid nothing for the call and received the baby's medicine free. But there are problems with NHS, many to do with the doctor's compensation. (Wide World photo)

Pope John's life seen key to council insight

ST. PAUL, Minn.—An understanding of the character of Pope John XXIII is essential to an understanding of Vatican Council II and the Church renewal it has inspired, Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon said here.

Bishop Shannon, former president of the College of St. Thomas, here opening the college's series of public lectures on key documents of Vatican II, traced Pope John's life from his peasant origins to the papacy.

Bishop Shannon said that all that Pope John had done and seen in his life formed a "habituational preparation for his election in 1958 to the Chair of Peter."

"From this lofty vantage point and in this lonely position of power," Bishop Shannon continued, "he received daily more detailed evidence that his suspicions were correct and that the Church was losing ground on many fronts: to atheism, to Communism, to secularism, and to indifference."

"His conviction grew that for great masses of modern men the Church was neither good nor bad—but simply irrelevant to their daily fears, their hopes, their pains, their ambitions."

For this reason, Bishop Shannon said, Pope John called the council and those things that have since happened in the Church "are in great part the burden and the glory of John XXIII."

THOSE WHO VIEW current dissidence in the Church as a sign "that Vatican II was a mis-



FINANCE CENTER VISITOR—A recent visitor to the U.S. Army's Finance Center in Indianapolis was Father George Werner, S.M.M., above right, of Marybrooke Novitiate at Hartford City, Ind., who was accompanied by a group of students. Brigadier General L. B. Markey, Commanding General, presents a copy of the Finance Center's Annual Report to Father Werner in the photo above. The visitors saw a documentary motion picture "Home of the Army Dollar" and received a tour of the extensive facilities.

Religious coercion

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God can take it away, assuming upon Himself responsibility for man's life and his destiny. This principle, he said, is found throughout Christian tradition, especially among the Greek Fathers of the Church. "Nor do I know of any other existing institution according to which the dignity of man primarily resides in his natural need and moral obligation to seek truth," he said.

From this first "ontological principle of the dignity of man follows another which is social—that the truly human person is the subject, foundation and goal of all social life. This principle, he said, has been amplified by Popes Pius XII and John XXIII. For the present argument, he said, "the main force of this principle is that it establishes an indissoluble connection between the moral order and the juridical order." This connection is not only abstract but concrete, since the human person is "bound by obligations toward the moral order and toward the historical order of salvation established by Christ. . . . The juridical order cannot be separated from the moral order, just as the human person cannot be split in two."

From these follows the principle of the "free society, so-called," he said, which says that the freedom of man is as far as it is possible to do so. "Nor is that freedom to be restrained except when and insofar as it is necessary—necessary, that is, to preserve society in its own being or, to use the concept and wording of the declaration, necessary to preserve public order."

These five principles, Father Murray said, are so mutually coherent that they constitute a sort of vision, so to speak, of the human person in the question of religious liberty. It is these five principles taken together, he said, which bring us to a "critical turning point" in the question of religious liberty. They establish between the human person and the public power that juridical relationship which extends to the notion of religious liberty. They also firmly establish the civil human and civil liberties discussed—in the encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, and with which religious liberty constitutes a certain kind of order of liberty in society. Nor can we discuss religious liberty without discussing this whole order of liberty. All human liberties stand or fall together, which is obvious enough from worldly experience."

During the discussion period following at Sept. 20, Msgr. Giuseppe Di Meglio, a canon of St. Peter's basilica and editor of Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani's book, "The Jurist's Public," objected to speaking of "right" in relation to religious liberty. Since right is always related to a "good" and error is an evil, he said, error in religious matters can never be more "tolerated." He cited Pius XII in support of his statement.

In answer, Father Murray said that even if error "insists that it is 'not a matter of right,' the object of a right is something positive—not negative—and the positive 'object' which is the object of the right to religious freedom is 'freedom from coercion.'"

The council's doctrine, "as I understand it," Father Murray said, "is totally different from tolerance. We are not talking about tolerating evil. The council's insistence on the free exercise of religion is not tolerance, but a recognition of this right in a human being, which is the evolution of Pius XII's 'we do

Pope sees theology as bridge between faith and authority

VATICAN CITY—Theology is a "mediator" between the faith of the Church and its teaching authority, Pope Paul VI told an international gathering of theologians.

In one aspect, he said, it evaluates the concrete faith as it is lived by the "People of God" in the course of history and proposes solutions to problems which arise between that "lived faith" and the word of God.

In this way it assists the Church's teaching authority (magisterium) in always being a completely competent light and guide of the Church."

On the other hand, he said, it acts as a mediator in presenting the magisterium's teachings to the Christian people "to form the faith and moral observance among them."

Without the help of theology, he said, "the magisterium could undoubtedly preserve and teach the faith, but it would strike only with difficulty at that completeness and profundity of knowledge it needs to fulfill its task completely, since it is aware that it is not endowed with Revelation or charisma of inspiration but only with the assistance of the Holy Spirit."

POPE PAUL asked the theologians to "put themselves in service to the magisterium, and to work in a spirit of communion with the entire Christian people with the sacred hierarchy, and among yourselves. . . ."

"Divine truth is preserved in the entire Christian community by the Holy Spirit, who therefore find it there with proportionately greater facility the more you live in profound communion with the magisterium, emulating in humility of heart the 'little ones' to whom the Father more readily reveals the mysteries of His being and His plans."

Divine truth is preserved and illustrated in the Church by the Holy Spirit primarily through the work of the sacred magisterium. Therefore, you especially will find it there with proportionately greater security the more you are in cordial communion with it."

To wander away from it in your investigation along primary arbitrary paths would easily expose you to the danger of heresy. The Church, with out faithful—and laboring in vain without producing vital fruits for the community. It must even expose you to the danger of deviating from the correct way, choosing your own criterion as preferable to the thought of the Church and the criterion of truth. This would be an arbitrary choice—the road toward heresy."

The Pope's audience was composed of almost 1,400 theologians from all over the world, many of them top experts in their fields. They had been invited to Rome for an international congress to explore the theology of the council's documents.

In a letter read at the beginning of their week-long meetings, the Pope had asked them to attempt to reach "univocal" agreement on theological interpretation of the essentials of these documents to avoid confusion among the faithful.

Before the papal audience, the participants attended Mass in St. Peter's Basilica concelebrated by members of the congress executive committee, officials of the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, and some of those who gave principal talks during the sessions. Among these was Fr. John Courtney Murray, S.J., of Woodstock College, Md.

The same afternoon they attended a closing session at which Cardinal Ermenegildo Florit of Florence, Italy, spoke on "Pastoral Theology."

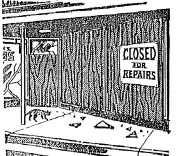
The Pope referred to the rapport between our office and yours; between our mandate to preserve and interpret Divine Revelation and your duty as intellectuals in the service of the Doctrine of the Faith—the Church's Magisterium, that is, which we are by divine appointment, although unworthily, entrusted and the study and teaching of sacred theology with which you are concerned. This confrontation between the Magisterium and theology, it seems to us—and is very important and, as they say, eminently timely.

This is so primarily because the tendency appears in some circles to deny or at least weaken the rapport of theology with respect to the Council's Magisterium. In fact, if we consider the mentality and spirit of the men of culture of our times, we will see that they have this characteristic in common: an exaggerated confidence in themselves which leads them to reject all authority and to propound the idea that everyone can proceed by himself in every field of knowledge and can regulate his life according to the limits of his own understanding.

"Unfortunately such liberty—or better license—sometimes is extended more or less even to the field of understanding of the faith and to theological science. It leads to the rejection of every rule which is outside of or above the subject itself, as if the entire field of truth were circumscribed within the limits of human reason or as if truth itself found its origin in reason."

"Or else it leads to the conclusion that nothing can be established as definite and absolute, not admitting of further progress and change which would contradict it. Or it leads to the conclusion that the value of a system is to be measured by its correspondence with the subjective disposition of a man."

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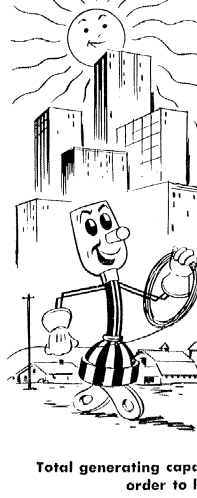
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Following Scripture Services at Brebeuf Preparatory School at 9:15 a.m., conducted by Father Gregory Topp, S.J., the group will travel by bus to the convent at St. Joseph Academy in Tipton. There they will attend Mass, followed by a processions to shrine and recitation of the rosary, outdoor Stations of the Cross, and Benediction. Father John Kilroy, YCA chaplain, will be the celebrant.

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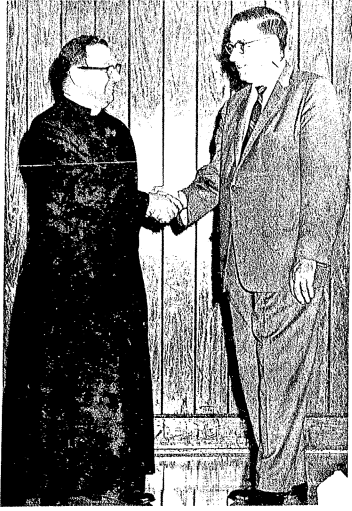
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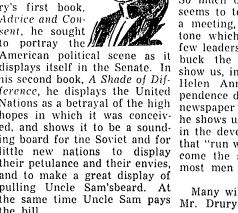
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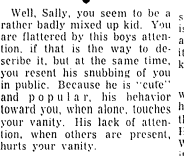
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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD 'Wrong Box' pushes hard for laughs

By JAMES W. ARNOLD

"The Wrong Box" is an English farce very much in the mood of "Mad, Mad World" and "The Great Race," except that it is more concerned with character and situation than with action-comedy that rears boss-torously about the landscape like a moose.



At worst, it often betrays its literary origins by concentrating on verbal jokes and character confrontations in lushly pretty interior sets. The visual gags are covered with the director's sweat. The movie also tends to push too hard for laughs, as when an astonished actor exclaims "Merdy" and a girl (named Merdy) rushes in and asks, "Did you call me 'Merdy'?"

and "Seance on a Wet Afternoon."

Lake so many Victorian tales it centers on a bet, a Tontine arrangement which awards a fabulous sum to the last survivor of the participating group—a sort of winner-take-all life insurance plan. It is set in Victorian England, and Forbes has the amusing time kidding the aristocratic mores of the era (a sitting duck). The style is low camp, with the silted dialogue and flattery posing of melodrama and garishly colored titles underlining obvious points: the heroine is "the girl he worships from afar."

Only two aged members of the Tontine remain, and their respective heirs maintain her for the prize. When it appears one old fellow is killed in a train accident, his nephews try to hide the corpse and there follows a wild game of musical coffins ending with a macabre horse-chase and riot in a graveyard.

oriented crooked doctor, and even talks in slow motion. The funniest of all, Wilfrid Lawson only fault is that we know them as the world's oldest butler, a and all that's funny about them is doddering family retainer who in minutes, and it's a two-hour

pretensions of old age, rman- tie love, police intelligence pedantry (Richardson's conversation is an endless recital of logically connected but gloriously useless facts), the cult of funeral worship, and the sillier aspects of religion. (A Salvation Army-type lady, rebuffed, declares, "We brought the gospel, but they would not listen—damn them all!") At graveside, the harassed minister begins reading the wedding service.)

Good and bad sight pages bicep and exposed ankle abound, especially when Forbes shows us, in a series of black-out, how the Tontine members miss its target at a launch—eaten by his Bible class." Her motion sequence for Caine and Miss Newman (to the gentle the other." (Rating: A-2—objectionable for adults and adolescents.)

IT'S NATIONAL RESTAURANT MONTH

Philippine Church declares 'social' war

By MARIO GATBONTON

MANILA — The Catholic Church in the Philippines is mobilizing its forces in an all-out drive to help the rural population improve its living conditions.

The Episcopal Commission on Social Action, under its chairman, Bishop Antonio Frondosa of Capiz, decided at a meeting here.

To appoint at once diocesan directors for social action in all of the country's 50 ecclesiastical provinces.

To start a nationwide campaign to set up credit unions in all parishes.

To train 50 lay leaders representing the dioceses in organizational techniques. These will work full time to organize rural workers.

To mobilize the Catholic Action organizations and bring Catholic schools and colleges into the social action effort.

As if to stress the urgency of the program, the commission also ruled that a decision of any of its three member bishops amounts to a decision of the commission itself.

ABOUT 90% of this country's 50 million people live in the rural area. Their average annual income amounts to about \$100. Half the country's monetary wealth is deposited in local and foreign banks. To make matters worse, rampant smuggling for the last five years has resulted in the rising cost of living and closure or underproduction by the country's few factories.

To take advantage of the economic crisis, the communist Huk movement in central Luzon, the country's rice granary, has started its own social action program under a new name, New Force for Popular Democracy.

Father Gaston Duchesneau, S.J., a member of the bishops' Advisory Group on Social Action, said:

"We are on top of a volcano. The Church in these circumstances has a very definite duty to organize the farmers, since no one else is doing it."

FATHER C. G. BREED, M.H.M., executive secretary of the bishops' Secretariat for Social Action, has negotiated with the U.S. Peace Corps to loan some of their experts to help in setting up credit unions.

He said that the bishops' credit union campaign may be considered as "the launching pad of the hierarchy's social-economic apostolate."

Once the program for the farmers becomes a going concern, the Social Action Commission proposes to direct its attention to urban dwellers, particularly to the problems of slums, unemployment and congestion.

The Pope would have little governing to do in such a Church, but the very tenaciousness of the external links would make ever more important his primary function as the visible sign and center of unity and communion.



TO RECITE FINAL VOWS—Sister Mary Justina Harkness, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Harkness, Indianapolis, will pronounce final vows as a member of the Little Company of Mary, Evergreen Park, Ill., on Monday, Oct. 10. The former Judith Ann Harkness was a member of St. Lawrence parish and was graduated from Secunia Memorial High School. She recently completed nursing training and is now a registered nurse.

Bishops' orders
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Couple to mark 50th anniversary

EUCHESBURG, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weaver of St. John's parish here will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 16, with an open house in the parish hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited.

Richmond KC schedules dance

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Dover to sponsor Plan card party and style show

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Nurses' approach hit by hospital official

By RUSSELL SHAW
WASHINGTON — Demands by nurses for higher pay and better working conditions have justification, but fail to recognize all the complexities of hospital problems today, in the opinion of a national Catholic hospital official.

David Schmauss, assistant director of the Bureau of Health and Hospitals, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in an interview here expressed sympathy for nurses' problems. But he also had reservations about the nurses' analysis of those problems and their approach to solving them.

Schmauss questioned the action of the American Nurses' Association in setting \$6,500 as the nationwide goal for a minimum starting salary for nurses. (The average salary for registered nurses in metropolitan hospitals is now about \$4,700 per year.)

To insist on a flat figure, he said, is "unjust for nurses in some cases, unjust for hospitals in other cases."

"In some small towns, \$6,500 might be more than a bank vice president would get, but at the same time it would be very inadequate in some of our urban centers. Also, some small hospitals aren't paying their administrators that much," he said.

Schmauss also disagreed with nurses' complaints about

allegedly poor patient care in U.S. hospitals. He said patient care today is better than it has ever been. As for problems in working conditions, they are the result of "historical" changes which nurses have failed to face and cope with, he contended.

In recent months some parts of the country have seen the unprecedented spectacle of strikes and mass resignations by nurses in an effort to enforce their demands. Schmauss called such action by nurses "misguided" because of the possible consequences for patients.

He agreed that "it's time for a change" in hospitals' treatment of nurses and other workers, but said nurses have no right to use "illegal means to bring about the changes they want."

Schmauss disputed views expressed in a recent NCCW News Service interview by Ilene Landin, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Nurses, and Dorothy N. Kelly, editor of the Catholic Nurse.

They were critical of Catholic hospitals for allegedly failing to do more than pay "lip service" to social justice in their treatment of nurses. They also said non-hospital administrators do not know what it costs a nurse to support herself and thus believe that nurses are getting a fair wage when actually they are underpaid.

Such criticisms of non-hospital administrators are "un-

just," Schmauss said. "Maybe it used to be true that they were divorced from the world and didn't know what was going on—but it isn't any more."

Schmauss, a former hospital administrator in Minnesota, said no sensible administrator decides salaries on the basis of cost of living alone. The criteria, he said, are the competitive marketplace and what other employers are paying for comparable jobs.

He said it is unreasonable for nurses to complain that they are not paid as much as teachers. A three-year nursing graduate has at most one year's college credit while a school teacher is ordinarily a four-year college graduate.

"The Catholic hospital employee gets essentially the same pay as his counterpart in secular hospitals," Schmauss said. "I reject the suggestion that the Catholic hospital has taken advantage of its employees."

Schmauss agreed that nurses have legitimate grievances. But, he insisted, these must be understood in the historical perspective of growth of modern health-care professions in all the health-care professions.

In recent years, he said, the role of the nurse has changed drastically. Where formerly nurses were essentially a "bed-centered" service, today she—or someone in the hospital—must provide "a multitude of diagnostic and therapeutic services and manage the patient's care while he is in the hospital."

"The nurse has had thrust on her a tremendous number of new functions, but she has been ill-prepared psychologically and technically to accept them," he said. He ascribed this lack of preparation to deficiencies in nursing education up to now. While nurses complain about being called on to do "non-nursing" jobs, Schmauss said, at the same time they are very reluctant to allow the delegation of functions that were theirs or similar to theirs. Thus, nurses have insisted that such duties as charting and carrying foot trays to the bedside belonged only to them.

But changes have taken place and more will come, Schmauss said. He predicted that the future professional nurse will function as a "nurse-practitioner" whose essential role will be as coordinator of a "multiplicity of services" for the individual patient.

HE BLAMED many current problems of nurses on rapid and relatively unannounced expansion of hospital facilities and health care services since World War II. "Nurses were caught in this revolution," he said. "They still don't know exactly what their role is in the hospital, but this essentially is a question the profession will have to answer for itself."

Schmauss denied flatly that patient care is at a low level in hospitals today. In 1946, he pointed out, there were 148 hospital personnel for each 100 patients, whereas in 1965 the ratio had improved to 246 per 100.

"Of course, a patient may say, 'I don't get my back rubbed' or 'My nurse doesn't understand me,' but that's a question of satisfaction, not quality of care," he commented.



CONVENTION-BOUND—Shown above before departure for the NCCW Convention in Miami are, left to right: Mrs. Russell Wilson, of Clinton, past president of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women; Father Jerome Bennett, pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Clinton; and Mrs. Louis Marista, past-president of the Terre Haute DCCW. Mrs. Wilson is the new NCCW Director for the Indianapolis Province and an ex-officio member of the National Board of Directors. About 10 delegates from the Archdiocese are attending the convention. (Staff photo)

Examination of goals urged by NCCW head

MIAMI—Continued examination of the goals and accomplishments of Catholic organizations is needed if those organizations are to fulfill the directives of Vatican Council II, the president of the National Council of Catholic Women told the council's 33rd convention here.

In her report (Oct. 5) to the national gathering which some 500 women are attending (Oct. 5-8), Miss Margaret Mealey said that the council's Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity made it clear that organizations must "take a long look at themselves."

"In all our 45 years of organization," she said, "we have probably never been as lax as we are today to take a good look at ourselves, our purpose, our function, our present state."

"Today," she said, "we are obligated seriously to question whether a large national federation can serve to implement and to make meaningful the decrees of the Second Vatican Council."

Miss Mealey emphasized that organizations are most necessary to this task, adding, "but today there is a greater need than ever before for them to be organized, to be open to change, to accept a living organization rather than a static organization."

IN HER REPORT on activity during the year, she discussed proposed by-law changes, a new dues structure, study of women's organizations on the parish and diocesan level, and several projects undertaken in cooperation with other national groups as in keeping with NCCW's at this revolution, he said.

WICS is a joint effort of NCCW and the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Council of Negro Women and the United Church Women. "Probably no other program," Miss Mealey said, "has accomplished, in its special aspect and in the spirit of ecumenism, what the organization of Women in Community Service (WICS), has been able to do."

Argentina drops naming of bishops

BUENOS AIRES—Abolition of the Argentine government's traditional right to nominate bishops is part of the new agreement to be signed here October 10 by Church and government authorities.

The government will still have the right to object to Vatican appointments, but can no longer name its own choices for diocesan posts. Free access of the Church to the people is also part of the new agreement. Government approval is no longer necessary for the publication of papal documents.

Agreement on the terms of the new accord was reached with the military government of Juan Carlos Onganía. It replaces a similar accord signed with the former government just before its June 28 fall from power.

Day of prayer

WASHINGTON — President Johnson has issued a proclamation setting October 10 as a national day of prayer for peace and an end to the conflict in Vietnam. Catholics throughout the world have been urged by Pope Paul VI to offer special prayers for peace during the month of October.

Alverna to host North American 3d Order meeting

INDIANAPOLIS—The annual joint meeting of the executive council and directive council of the North American Federation of the Third Order of St. Francis will be held at Alverna Retreat House the week-end of October 15.

A priest-director and a lay chairman from each of the 31 provinces throughout the United States and Canada directed the directive council and a priest-director and lay chairman for each of the four Franciscan jurisdictions constituted the executive council.

National director of the Order of Friars Minor jurisdiction is Father Philip Marquand, of Chicago, who previously served as director of Alverna for 13 years. National lay chairman of the same jurisdiction is Robert J. Aldering, a member of St. Matthew's parish, Indianapolis.

Miami to honor Cuban patroness

MIAMI, Fla.—A permanent shrine honoring Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patroness of Cuba, will be built here, Bishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami has announced.

The proposed edifice "may well become a national shrine, symbol of the gratitude of the thousands of Cuban refugees welcomed by the United States," Bishop Carroll said.

The shrine will be completely financed, designed and developed by Cubans "as an indication of the depth of their faith and as a definite contribution to the community," the Bishop said. It will be located on land overlooking Biscayne Bay made available by the diocese of Miami.

For chaplains

Washington — The National Association of Catholic Chaplains will conduct an orientation-training institute for general hospital chaplains October 17-19 at the Catholic University of America here.

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This Week at the Marian Lectures

Tuesday—Oct. 11 7:00 p.m. — Sister Florence Marie, O.S.F., — "Modern Math." 8:15 p.m. — Sister Vivian Rose, O.S.F. — "Music of India."

Thursday—Oct. 13 7:00 p.m. — Robert Moran-O'Neill's Long Day's Journey Into Night. 8:15 p.m. — Frank Stites— "Alexander Hamilton: The Conservative Archetype."

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World Series loses to Pope

MARACAIBO, Venezuela—With the parents of Luis Aparicio, Pope Paul is more popular than the World Series, even though their son is playing shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles.

When Baltimore clinched the American League pennant, Aparicio got in touch with his parents here and invited them to come watch him play in the World Series.

The parents told their son they would rather take a trip to Rome and meet Pope Paul. The shortstop agreed to foot the bill for the Rome trip.

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JUBILARIANS—Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Catellier, of St. Francis de Sales parish, Indianapolis, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 8, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30 a.m. in St. Francis Church. The Catelliers are the parents of an only daughter. They also have 31 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. An open house will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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Boy Scout BEEF BAR-B-QUE Troop 108 — Holy Name Church — Beech Grove School Grounds — Troy and Sherman Drive Saturday, Oct. 8 — 4-9 P.M. Ladies Auxiliary A.O.H. Monthly Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11 — 7:30 P.M. Fletcher Bank Bldg. — 28th and Meridian Street "WHO WAS THAT LADY I SAW YOU WITH?" Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Civic Theatre Sponsored by Daughters of Isabella for St. Elizabeth's Home. Tickets: Call 376-2026 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING GUARDIAN ANGEL GUILD — St. Mary's School Wednesday, Oct. 12 — 1:15 P.M. OCTOBER GAVE A 70TH PARTY Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Women's Club Friday, Oct. 14 — 8 P.M. Chatafard High School — 5885 Crittenden All Games Played

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