Physicians Turn Thumbs Down on Late Hour Calls

Survey Shows Only 1 Medic Out of 10 Will Respond to All; Regular Patients Favored

WASHINGTON

If your regular physician refuses to make a call during the late hours of the night, your chances are 1 to 10 that you will not find a doctor to answer your plea for medical assistance.

At least, that is what a survey made by the WASHINGTON AFRO-AMERICAN disclosed last week. In querying 10 medics, only one doctor stated flatly that he answers all call during all hours of the night.

Seven others stated that they only responded to the calls of their "regular" patients, while two others indicated that they were answering no calls during the wee hours of the morning.

The main objection on the part of physicians to answer "strange" requests for medical assistance during the night is that of fear of being attacked or robbed.

One physician explained,

"It's not that I don't want to make a call at night, but there are so many phonies and tricksters who believe that doctors carry plenty of money on them and they are out for money.

"As I don't carry a gun, it's just simple for me to travel at night. However, if I know the patient, I will insist that he recognize my approach by having a light burning.

Regular Doctor Angle

Another physician answered: "If it's not a regular patient of mine, I am not going out at night. Everyone should have a regular doctor, who knows him. If the patient is faithful to the doctor, it is the doctor's duty to respond to his call.

"Why should I go out at all hours, of the night to answer a call of another doctor's patient, when he refuses to do so.

"I know a number of doctors who will not answer calls at night, yet patients flock to their offices during the day. It is unfair to me to have to treat those persons on my time."

Procrastination

One of the physicians, who refuses to make late hour calls, offered up his opinion:

"I have found that nine-tenths of the persons, who call you during the late hours of the night, could have seen you during the day. They have probably been ill for two or three days, but delayed having a doctor.

"If they wait until they are seriously ill, they need to call an ambulance. And that is what I tell them to do. That is if they are really sick."

"Of course, there are those persons, who really aren't sick that make life miserable for a doctor by their early morning calls."

The single physician, who stated that he responded to all calls during all hours, remarked:

"It is the duty of every doctor to respond to all calls. If they don't do so, they should not be doctors. One of the oaths of the medical profession is to answer all calls."

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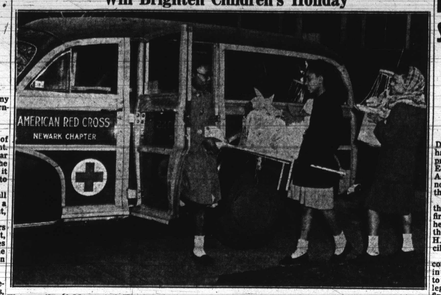

The pupils of Monmouth St. School are loading a Red Cross car with Easter toys for children in Newark hospitals. Pupils in 25 schools made the toys as part of the Newark chapter's Junior Red Cross program. From left to right are Virginia Baxter, Diana Davis and Ruby Morgan.

Regional Education Pact Denounced at Civic Group Conference in Alabama

So-called Revolt of Southern Politicians Branded 'Cheap Trick That Deceives No One'

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The proposal for segregated southern regional colleges was denounced this week as a "slick device to circumvent the Supreme Court decisions in the Gaines and Sipuel cases."

The denunciation was made by Walter White, secretary of the NACCP, before 200 delegates attending the association's southeastern regional conference here.

The delegates, who came from seven States, adopted a policy statement denouncing discrimination in education and voting and demanded the "right of personal safety" for all. They also adopted resolutions condemning Ku Klux Klan activities in Georgia.

Hits at Certain Leaders

"At a time when our full strength should be mobilized for a concerted assault on segregated public facilities, some colored persons are being misled, either consciously or unconsciously, into acceptance of an extension of Jim Crow," Mr. White said.

Not only have some colored college presidents covertly supported the plan of the Southern Governors to extend segregation in education to the regional level, he charged but others have also been active in promoting other segregated projects, such as hospitals, financed at public expense.

Such schemes, the NAACP secretary said, must be opposed by all those who want to achieve democracy in America.

He derided the so-called revolt of Southern politicians, terming it "a cheap political trick which deceives no one who realizes that these political hucksters are powerless to take effective action because they are ensnared by the one party system."

He predicted that in November the Southern States will, as usual, be found in the Democratic column.

Lack of Justice Noted

Later speaking in Atlanta, Ga., Mr. White assailed the contention of Southern politicians that Federal legislation is not needed to suppress mob violence, assure equal justice and maintain civil rights.

"Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two teen-age sons would not be under death sentence in a Georgia prison tonight had even-handed justice been meted out," Mr. White asserted.

"Their conviction is a challenge to decency in Georgia, in the South and everywhere. Let the decent elements in the South come forward and demand justice for this hapless family." Then commenting on the Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Wrightsville, Ga.

What Choice? He Asks

The Southern politicians, he continued, are trying mainly to intimidate President Truman and the Northern leaders of the Democratic party by threatening to withdraw from the party if the civil rights program is pushed.

"If these politicians were to carry through with their threat, what would they vote? Henry Wallace? For a Republican?" Mr. White asked.

The NAACP leader questioned the right of the Southern politicians to speak for the South. Elected by a small minority of the potential voters in their respective States and districts they are in no position to represent the desires of all Southerner, he stated.

Approved by House Group

Earlier on March 16, the House Judiciary Committee, hurrying to push through legislative ratification of jim-crow colleges, approved the regional college plan compact by a vote of 12 to 7. The House Committee, unlike that of the Senate, endorsed the plan without public hearings or any attempt to ascertain pertinent facts.

"Such action is dangerously close to totalitarianism," Walter White, NAACP charged.

The resolution as reported was amended to include the text of the compact.

The report states that passage and approval of the resolution would cost the Federal Government nothing but would simply give consent of Congress to the compact tentative entered into at the Southern Governors' Conference at Tallahassee, Fla., on Feb. 8.

The compact, approved by the Governors would provide for the establishment and maintenance of regional schools for graduate, professional, technological, scientific and literary training.

Council Given Charter

A Regional Council for Education, consisting of the Governor and two designees from each State, was created. Its purpose was to make a thorough survey of higher education in the Southern States and direct immediate attention to the necessity for the early establishment of regional schools or institutions, including Meharry Medical College.

A month later, on March 4, the Council and some 350 educators met at Gainsville, Fla., and unanimously approved regional education at the higher levels as a necessary objective. A charter was obtained on March 8.

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WASHINGTON—The College of Dentistry at Howard University has been accredited with full approval by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, according to an announcement in the March issue of the ADA Journal.

Dr. Russell A. Dixon, dean of the College of Dentistry, confirmed the report and stated that he had been officially notified of the accreditment by Dr. Harlan H. Horner, secretary of the Council on Dental Education.

The official report of the survey committee to Dean Dixon, stated, in part, that "efforts of continuing to enroll a high percentage of college graduates. She stood in the first four years of her history in the original survey (in June, 1943) and apparently has not lost her place."

$1,800,000 Grant Voted

Dean Dixon added that within a few years the Dental School will be housed in a new building to be erected adjacent to the existing Medical School building. For this building, Congress authorized, prior to April 1, 1947, appropriations totaling $1,847,910.

Dr. Dixon indicated further that the building co-ordinator, Julian Cook, has practically completed his work in connection with the plans and the actual process of construction will begin in the near future.

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"Her everlasting interest in dental education was manifested in her gift of $334,697.21, especially, to the College of Dentistry of Howard University for postgraduate studies of its faculty and alumni," he pointed out.

Faculty Members Benefited

Two members of the faculty already receiving graduate training under Louis C. Ball Fellowship grants, are Dr. Harry M. McLinn, studying at Columbia University, and Dr. Norman H. C. Griffiths, taking courses at Northwestern University.

Former Bank Teller Given Year in Jail

WASHINGTON

Robert D. Matthews, 22, former teller at the Industrial Bank of Washington, 11th and U Sts. N.W., last Thursday pleaded guilty before a Federal judge in Chicago to embezzlement of $4,448 from the bank.

He was sentenced to one year and a day in prison.

Matthews, who formerly lived at 1856 Kalorama Rd., N.W., was indicted by a grand jury here on six counts of embezzlement early in February a year ago. He was arrested in Chicago in January and asked for trial in that jurisdiction.

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Mr. Daniels, a native of Orangeburg, S.C., studied at West Virginia State and Morgan State Colleges and spent two years in the Army at the Lockbourne (Ohio) Army Base. His wife, Mrs. Beatrice Muse, is an ex-member of the Army Nurse Corps. They live at 826 N. Carrollton Ave.

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