Attack bias, poverty bars to health care, confab told

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Welfare Secretary John W. Gardner said Wednesday that poverty, ign ance and discrimination were barriers to health care in the United States.

The cabinet officer, speaking at the ..ening session of the White House conference on health, said these conditions often create medical problems.

Gardner said the poor and the segregated were bypassed by modern medical progress just as they did not enjoy the benefits of advances in education.

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HE CALLED for a partnership between the federal government, doctors, hospitals, universities and health agencies to make a comprehensive att-ck on health problems.

Gardner said the passage of the Medicare Program and legislation to create regional centers for treating heart disease, cancer and stroke were part of a "great movement forward" by Congress in the health field.

Dr. Alonzo S. Yerby, commissioner of New York City's Department of Hospitals, said that poor people in the United States receive second - class medical treatment with the added "stigma of charity."

Yerby, in a speech to a luncheon session, said the system of providing care for low - incom patients was "piecemeal poorly supervised and u--coordinated."

"The pervasive stigma of charity permeates our arrangements for health care for the disadvantaged . . .

"Certain groups of the disadvantaged in America, notably colored patients get even less than their share of health services even though there is ample evidence that their needs are greatest.

"We can no longer tolerate a two - class system of health care."

Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, echoed Gardner's call for extension of medical care to low income and minority groups.

"We have clearly reached the point where every citizen should have access to health services which he requires," Lee said.

AT MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON at the Lord Baltimore Hotel last week were head table guests, Warren S. Shaw, executive director and founder; Mayor Theodore McKeldin; Mrs. Frances Murphy Henderson, daughter of Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO publisher, for whom the scholarship fund for African students honors; and Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts.

Stein honored in testimonial

Five hundred friends and teachers gathered Wednesday evening at the Blue Crest North to honor Edwin Stein, retiring deputy superintendent of schools, for his 40 years in teaching and to wish him success in his new venture as dean of the University of Baltimore.

The testimonial dinner for the man who began his career with the Baltimore Public Schools in 1925 was sponsored by the Public School Teachers Association and the Principals Association of Baltimore.

Recollections of his work as acting supeintendent — from Sept. to Dec. in 1959 and from January to July in 1965 — were given by School Board President Eli Frank Jr., who acknowledged "the indebtedness of the City of Baltimore" to him.

Mr. Stein's career in the school system as teacher, principal, director of Special Services for Pupils, founder of the Division of Personnel and deputy superintendent was traced by former superintendent John H. Fischer, present superintendent Laurence G. Paquin, Houston R. Jackson and his former principals and associates.

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MR. STEIN was cited as an "exponent, advocate, champion and patron" and as a "contender for the right" in the school system.

Also in attendance were representatives of the State Department of Education, the Baltimore Council of PTA's, Baltimore Junior College and past and present School Board members.

The retiring deputy superintendent was presented with a color television set by the two sponsoring groups.

HU dean to open NCCJ dinner

NEW YORK — Dr. Samuel Gandy, dea of the School of Religion at Howard university, will deliver the invocation a dinner of the National Conference Christians and Jews Board of Trustee's annual meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel on Nov. 14-15.

Sterling W. Brown will officially be installed as third president of NCCJ.

Guests of honor at the dinner will include Dr. Everett R. Clincy, president of the Institute on Man and Science, and first president of the group from 1928 to 1958; Herbert J. Osborne, treasurer emeritus of the conference and retired bank executive, will introduce Dr. Clinchy.

13.6 civil service workers are colored; in lowest-paying slots

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Colored Americans make up apprximately 10 percent cent of the U.S. population, but 13.2 per cent of all federal government employes, a Labor Department study showed Tuesday.

Generally, however, colored workers hold the lower paying federal jobs, working at the blue collar level or in postal service level or in postal service posts, the department said in the October issue of its Monthly Labor Review.

It said the number of colored persons in the government's civilian work force increased by 5.9 per cent to 299,527 from June, 1961, to June, 1964.

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