CANCER CHECKUP

"Apparently, the public is not at all sure how thei rdoctors feel about cancer check-ups. And it is clear that the physician is indeed the key to making the check up program work.

Attitude

One of the reasons that people do not go to their doctors for check-ups, according to non-goers in a study, is that they believe doctors perfer treating symptoms and not conducting check-ups. This is one attitude that must

Cures

Martin stressed.
be changed," Dr. Roberte
being saved due to early de-
Presently about one third of all cancer patients are tection and diagnosis, Dr. Martin said. "We know that 'cures,' synonym for five year survivals, are due principally to the promptness with which a cancer patient receives proper attention for the cancer that can be cured but kills if neglected."

With cancer," Dr. Martin added, "the patient and physician share a life-or-death ing early cancer through responsibility; an din detect-

ACS study

ing opportunity which neither check-ups, there is a life-sav-should miss."

Additional information concerning the public attitudes toward health check ups has been released by the American Cancer Society. The first reports from the study conducted for the Society indicated that 90 percent of Americans would have annual check-ups for cancer if urged to do so by their physicians.

According to Dr. Martin of the American Cancer Society's Baltimore City Unit, the study further reveals that those who go for check-ups seem more enthusiastic about physicians' advice than those who do not go. But both groups seem to think favorably about physicians, he added. Women seem to feel slightly more favorably about the physician's recommendation than men, and higher socio economic groups more than lower ones, Dr. Martin said.

"In fact, people's attitudes toward check-ups may well rest upon their doctor's attitudes — or what they might think their doctor's attitude is. Furthermore, it is based on a person psychological makeup."

"Non-goers, especially men, feel that going to the doctor is not manly. The attitude prevails: 'If I'm healthy why should I see a doctor.?'"

"They do not seem to be aware of preventive medicine as much as the goers. Of goers, 83 percent feel that doctors encourage check-ups whereas only 23 percent of non-goers feel they do," Dr. Martin said.

AMY

By Jack Tippit

"I'm leaving home, but don't adopt another daughter 'til you hear from me."

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

"Hello, Mr. Mayor?
How many brothers-in-law do you have?"

"What you need, Lady, is more dedication."
(Taken from The Baltimore Teachers Union News)

WORTH 1,000 WORD

WHITE COPS heroically subdue girl during the resent disturbance in Atlanta, Georgia in which a colored boy was shot by a white officer.
(Photo by RUFUS HINTON)

LONELY HOUSE OF FEAR

By Dolores Smith

Ask for sorrow anytime,
And it will answer you.
Search for worry anywhere,
And you will find it, too.
Tempt the fates with grief and woe—
And trouble will begin.
Knock upon the door of fear,
And it will let you in.
Fear is just a mighty house
Upon a lofty hill—
Easier to go inside
Than to depart at will.
A house with many spacious rooms,
And walls of strongest stone.
And doors that open willingly,
And close when you're alone.
Once within the twisting halls
You're bound to lose your way;
Labored groans and futile calls
All seem to go astray.
Pause a while to think it out
Before you venture near.
It can be a lonely place—
The dreary house of fear.

VIEW POINT

Certain kinds of crooks are heroes to Mr. Average Man.

Take the notorious midwestern bank robber of a score or more years ago — John Dillinger.

When justice finally trapped Dillinger, many a staid and proper citizen was more than a little sorry.

Then you might consider the plight of insurance companies which, on occasion, are bilked for thousands of dollars for questionable claims. Huge settlements are sometimes awarded by sympathetic juries which appear to be interested in helping the little man at the expense of the magnates.

Unfortunately, this attitude leaves a distressing moral residual. The attitude basically suggests an identification with the powerless little man who tries to outwit the faceless forces that seem allied against him.

This admirstion for an alleged David who shakes his fist in the face of a Goliath may seem harmless enough — but considerate.

Law suspended

What happens when situations approaching catastrophe occur and law and order are briefly immobil-

Say there's a plane crash, or a riot, or a record breaking blizzard. Who are the Davids then — and who, the Goliaths?

Hordes of Mr. Average Citizens become Davids.

Scavengers

They scavenge for the ney and valuables of accident victims — sometimes in the pockets of the injured and dying.

They shatter the windows of long patronized businesses in a frenzy of riotous looting.

They crash into snowbound trucks, shoe stores, liquor stores. They release long smothered resentments for credit practices — such as insulting duns for delinquent payments, exorbitant carrying charges, inferior merchandise, and insolent personnel — by sledge-hammer attacks on the business.

Villains

The Mr. Average Man who secretly admired villainous behavior is betrayed by the admiration. He becomes, in his own eyes, a David; in the eyes of the law, a Goliath, a villain.

In Chicago, it is estimated that looting caused more than $1.5 million damage to buildings and contents during a recent blizzard.

The sum, had it been expended in public relations — community improvement, recreation or education — might have won over the Davids. It might have made them admire Goliath.

Prevention

And had part of that sum been used for a lowering of carrying charges, more good value prices on quality merchandise, and courteous, considerate personnel, the disastrous looting in that one Chicago neighborhood might have been prevented altogeth-

er.

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SP./6 LAWRENCE JOEL and wife Dorothy stand with President Johnson on South Lawn of White House.

SP6 LAWRENCE JOEL

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER

'For the duration of the battle, Sp6 Joel never lost sight of his mission as a medical aidman. Through his courage, determination, and devotion to duty, he saved countless lives.'

—MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION—

The Medal of Honor, was presented to Army Specialist Six Lawrence Joel, a paratrooper-medic credited with saving the lives of 13 wounded comrades in Vietnam, by President Lyndon B. Johnson on the South Lawn of the White House recently.

Specialist Joel, presently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C. won the Medal of Honor after distinguishing himself at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a medical-aidman with the 173d Airborne Brigade during the bloody day-long battle, "Operation Hump", near Bien Hoa, Vietnam, on November 8, 1965.

On this date Specialist Joel's unit, Company "C", 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, was ambushed by a Viet Cong battalion of about 700 men.

First-aid

The Communist forces outnumbered the paratroopers nearly six to one. Having the advantage of surprise, the Viet Cong attacked with heavy automatic weapons fire, killing or wounding almost every man in the lead squads.

Medical-aidman Joel moved among the wounded administering first aid. Attempting to drag a severely wounded young trooper to safety, he was wounded in his right leg by machine gun fire.

Specialist Joel injected himself with morphine bandaged his wound and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, returned to administer to his fallen comrades.

2nd wound

Ignoring the warnings of his own men to stay low and out of the line of Viet Cong fire, Specialist Joel continued to search for the wounded. At times he completely exposed himself to the enemy, while administering bottles of vital plasma to severely wounded men.

Hearing a cry from a stricken trooper, the medic sustained a second leg wound from Viet Cong machine gun fire as he scrambled to the trooper's side.

Under great pain and unable to walk, he dragged and crawled to assist other wounded paratroopers. Before his medical supplies were exhausted, Specialist Joel treated 13 wounded men under heavy enemy fire.

Specialist Joel was able to save one young paratrooper's life by placing a plastic bag over a sucking chest wound until the blood dried and sealed it.

Hobbled

In an attempt to draw the Viet Cong's attention away from the evacuation of the wounded, one platoon attacked the right flank of the enemy and were cut down.

Observing the plight of the attacking platoon, Specialist Joel grabbed a replenished bag of medical supplies and crawled to them.

Using a stick to support himself, the medic hobbled from man to man, exposing himself to machine gun fire as he treated the wounded and dragged them to safety.

The following morning, the Viet Cong were driven off and after seeing that the wounded were lifted out by he consented to being evacuated from the battlefield.

Family

A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the soft-spoken 36-year-old medic resides with his wife Dorothy and their awo children, Tremane, 16 and Deborah, 14 in Fayetteville, N. C.

AT HIS Fayetteville, N.C. home hero shows slides to his family. (L-R) Daughter DEBORAH, 14 and son TREMAINE, 16. At his side is his very attractive wife DOROTHY.

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