

Mercy Hospital 'On Spot' Following Probe

BOARD, BUSINESS MANAGER OUSTED

Philadelphia, Aug. 17 (ANP)—The long-expected explosion at Mercy hospital, one of the leading and approved hospitals, operated by Negroes, took place last week, as the entire board of directors was asked to resign, the business manager was dropped, steps taken to reorganize the 32 year old institution.

With more alarm in what is not said and not known, rather than in what is known, there are rumors of laxities in money matters and gross inefficiencies in the administrative departments of the hospital.

Dropped was Fleming D. Tucker, for 20 years assistant superintendent and business manager. He was given a "leave of absence without pay for incompetency."

Others who are expected to be affected in some fashion by the present state of affairs are Dr. Henry Minton, beloved superintendent and medical director; Dr. Eugene Hinson, assistant director and Miss Lulu Warlick, superintendent of the Nurses training school.

Supported by both state and the Community fund, rumors have long had it that Mercy was to be reorganized, especially since the Community fund has been finding it difficult to raise money for all the institutions needing it.

With the fund calling the signals, a study was authorized, with an eye to making economies. W. A. Dent, business manager of Flint-Goodridge hospital in New Orleans, and Dr. C. Rufus Rorem, of the American Hospital association, were called to Philadelphia and what they found is responsible for the drastic action here reported.

Among the directors resigning were two who had been elected to the board just about two weeks ago, and who attended their first meeting at the time the wholesale resignations were ordered on Tuesday. These two are Dr. Leslie Pineckey Hill, president of the Christian Street YMCA.

Resigned, too, is the nonagenarian, Archdeacon Henry L. Phillips, president of the board, who was perhaps the leading spirit in the founding of the hospital, and who has been on its board ever since it was started.

In an official statement, Eric Biddle, executive secretary of the Community fund, said that "the

Rosenwald fund greatly aided" the study of Mercy's conditions.

"The purpose of the proposed reorganization plan is to further strengthen and implement the medical services, finances and administration efficiency of an institution that has given long and useful service to the community. Dr. H. M. Minton continues to act as superintendent of the hospital, a post he has occupied since the institution was founded.

Every member of the board refused to comment on the situation beyond referring all inquiries to either Mr. Biddle or Herbert E. Millen, attorney of the hospital.

Mercy hospital is located in West Philadelphia on a beautiful campus, once occupied by the Philadelphia (Episcopal) Divinity school. It is well equipped and has a large ward and outpatient service. Many of the country's leading physicians served their internship at Mercy.

In a statement on Wednesday Mr. Tucker would only say this about his dropping: "I don't want to say anything damaging to myself, to the institution, to my friends at Mercy or to the reorganization plans. I don't know where I am going to fit into the picture after reorganization. I have been at Mercy for 20 years. I may have more to say later."

Members of the Mercy board, in addition to those mentioned before are John W. Harris, realtor; the Rev. John R. Logan, vicar, St. Simon's Episcopal church; Magistrate Joseph H. Rainey, William S. Hagan, Franc's Fisher Kane and Henry P. Patterson, member of the executive board of the Philadelphia NAACP, the latter two white.

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WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of Chicago Chapter, Association of Catholic Trade Unionists that Armour and Company have refused to enter into negotiations with their employees who have by election chosen the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee as their collective bargaining agency, and

WHEREAS, the employees of Armour & Company appear to have grievances concerning hours wages and working conditions which cannot be resolved to a solution unless negotiations be entered into in good faith and

WHEREAS, the practice of negotiating industrial disputes is made a moral duty by the Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI and a legal duty by the National Labor Relations Act of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, reports current that Armour and Company are disrupting the efforts of their employees to organize a labor union and are recruiting strike-breakers, to take the place of these workers in the event of a strike, are given credence by the refusal of Armour & Company to negotiate grievances, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Chicago Chapter, Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, demand as a matter of legal and moral justice that Armour and Company, to avoid precipitating a strike that will of necessity be wasteful of the community's human and economic assets, and costly to all concerned, negotiate at once the grievances

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of their employees with the employees' chosen representatives, the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, and be it further:

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the management of Armour & Company, to the Catholic, Secular and Labor Press, and to all chapters of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in the United States recommending that they take similar action.

Chicago Chapter Ass'n of Catholic Trade Unionists
President, Harry C. Read.

BILL TO PROTECT PUERTO RICANS IS FILED IN CONGRESS

Washington, Aug. 17—(CNA) Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York Laborite, this week introduced a bill designed to protect Puerto Ricans against a discrimination by Immigration officials.

Marcantonio said that he had introduced his bill in order to correct "a most vicious and discriminatory practice against Puerto Ricans" on the part of the Bureau of Immigration of the Department of Labor.

He charged that "Puerto Ricans are being taken from boats upon their arrival in New York City and treated as aliens, on the ground that they must establish the citizenship of their parents."

Marcantonio's bill provides that all native Puerto Ricans are automatically citizens of the United States.

TORTURE OF YOUTHS, DRAW NATION-WIDE PROTESTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (CNA)—Progressives in this city and throughout the nation this week sharply assailed outrages against the Negro people in two southern states during the past fortnight.

Florida and Arkansas were the two states involved. In the former two white policemen were charged with hanging two youths to a tree and beating them to force a confession in the alleged theft of a watch and a pair of trousers. In Arkansas, two other youths, allegedly framed on charges of rape, were legally lynched when Governor Bailey refused to review the case or extend a stay of execution to the youths.

At Ocala, Fla., Assistant State Attorney James M. Smith announced that Police Chief Lawton Simms of unliens was charged with the intent to commit manslaughter and Officer Lawton Beal was charged with being an accessory in the torture of two Negro youths.

The electrocution of Bubbles Clayton and Jim X. Carruthers, Arkansas youths, climaxed a bitter fight which had taken the case of the two boys through the courts

CURTAIN RINGS DOWN ON 800 NEGROES

Washington, D. C.—Official announcement that the Federal Theatre will be discontinued and all affairs liquidated, rings down the final curtain on eight hundred Negro actors, directors, research workers, playwright, technicians and other professional, unskilled and semi-skilled workers who found employment on the rolls of the Work Projects Administration.

Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects, announced this week that employees of the Federal Theatre Project, which was discontinued by the recently enacted Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, will be carried on the rolls for the full periods authorized by the Act. These are one month for supervisory and administrative employees and 3 months for certified workers. However, the employment of a large proportion of the latter class must be terminated on August 31 1939, due to another provision of

the Act which requires the dismissal by that date of all relief workers, excepting veterans, who have had continuous employment for more than 18 months. A large number of the employees on the theatre project fall in this category.

This action was taken after Colonel Harrington had been assured by Representative Woodrum the author of the provision that was finally adopted, that although the language of the Act permitted discretion, it was the intent of the conferees that the workers should be carried for the full period that was permitted by the law.

During the month of July the activities of as many as possible of the workers on the Federal project will be devoted to the liquidation of the project and the care and preservation of the materials and supplies which had been purchased for it.

For the two months beginning August 1, during which relief em-

ployees will be borne on the rolls, no activities will be carried on. This is for the reason, Colonel Harrington explained, that it is not possible to operate any of the activities of the project without administrative and supervisory personnel.

Every attempt will be made to transfer certified employees of the Federal Theatre project to other projects of the WPA. However, it is estimated that an average of approximately 5,500 certified employees will be carried on the project for the rest of July and during August and September at the cost of approximately \$850,000. The extra cost of carrying administrative and supervisory employees throughout the month of July is estimated at an additional \$50,000.

Federal Theatre units which successfully employed Negro workers including actors, carpenters, electricians, property men, scenic and costume designers, et cetera, were

located in Hartford, Conn., Boston, Mass., New York City, Newark, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Penn., Seattle, Washington; Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. In Raleigh, North Carolina, Negroes were engaged in directing community activities in the theatre. A community of about fifty colored citizens was built up and plays were presented regularly.

Outstanding productions by all Negro or mixed units of the Federal Theatre included MACBETH, ANDROCLES AND THE LION, BASSA MOONA, AN EVENING WITH DUNBAR, RUN LIL CHILLUN, HAITI and SWING MIKADO. Several of these plays enjoyed a run of three hundred performances. Upwards of one million people are estimated to have witnessed the productions of Negro units of the Federal Theatre.

WORD SQUARES

The numbers, 1 to 9, on the board refer to the arithmetical and alphabetical notations on the dial. The test of skill consists in forming a magic square reading five words across and five words down, as defined. Pick the right letter for each and every space to obtain a complete solution.

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First Row—Perception by smelling.
Second Row—Masculine name, French.
Third Row—Made of oats.
Fourth Row—Foreigner.
Fifth Row—Sly looks.



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Meharry Holds World Record On Training Negro Doctors

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 17 (By E. L. Hercules, Calvin Service)—Of all the medical schools in the world, Meharry Medical College is known as the one that has done the most in the training of colored students for the field of medicine. This institution is so well known that it would be useless to recall its history. Suffice to say that it was organized in 1876 as the Medical Department of the Central Tennessee College. On October 13, 1915, it was granted a new charter by the State of Tennessee whereby it could operate as a separate and corporate institution. Throughout the years, Meharry has turned out highly trained physicians, surgeons, dentists and nurses who have rendered valuable service to humanity in all parts of the world.

President Edward L. Turner Today, the school is under the leadership of President Edward L. Turner. He is ably assisted by a large and competent staff of doctors, dentists, and nurses, all of whom are interested in giving the students a medical education, the molds of which are adjusted to leave their imprint upon the character, social tendencies, physical bearing, emotional and intellectual habits of the students. This school embraces departments of Medicine, Dentistry, Nurse Training, and a School for Dental Hygiene.

The School of Medicine is equipped with the most modern instruments and offers all the necessary courses. The Associate of Dean of the School of Medicine is Dr. M. J. Bent, who is also Professor of Bacteriology. He has done extensive research in this field, and has contributed various articles upon the subject to numerous medical publications. Thirty-five students graduated from this Department at the end of the last school year.

Dental School
In the Dental School there are

thirty-six members. This number is an increase of eight upon that of last year. The high degree of success that this Department has achieved is made possible to a great extent through the contributions of Mr. George Eastman of the Eastman Kodak Company. His last contribution was \$200,000. The equipment in this department is some of the best to be found anywhere. There are 53 chairs, and the instruments and other accessories are the most modern and expensive. First prominent white Nashville dentists of national reputation render free service in this department. Special attention is paid to the course in Oral Hygiene. The head of this Department is Dean D. H. Turpin. This year, for the first time, a post-graduate course in dentistry was offered.

Nursing School
The new administration has shown a vital interest in the School of Nursing; recognizes the potentialities and advantages of this field, and is endeavoring to develop a program of public health nursing for both undergraduate and graduate nurses. The present faculty organization of the School of Nursing includes a Dean, a Superintendent of Nurses, an Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, an Educational Director, nine Supervisors, four Head Nurses and 24 graduate bedside nurses. The teaching faculty of the School of Nursing is supplemented by the faculty of the Medical School of Meharry, Fisk University, Vanderbilt University, Riverside Sanitarium and the Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. At present there are thirty-one students taking the three-year course in Nurse Training. The Dean of this school is Hulda M. Lytle. A special course for graduate physicians is offered during the summer. The first effort in this direction was made last year. The

great success of that venture caused the authorities to decide to offer the course annually. This year the course ran from June 5 through June 17. The staff members assisting in this post-graduate course are all well experienced and highly trained in their respective specialties. This course has been designed to bring practical information in utilizable form to the graduate physician. It is hoped that the response to this course will stimulate repeated courses each year, and that it eventually may lead to longer post-graduate courses in the specialties as well as in general medicine.

"Second to None"
President Turner aims to make Meharry ultimately gain its goal of "an institution second to none." With such a conscientious, far-sighted, and energetic like him at the helm, it is certain that this goal will soon be attained. President Turner, who holds degrees both the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago, is well known in the medical world, have given thirteen years of sacrificial service in Beirut, Syria, before coming to Meharry in 1936. He holds membership in the leading medical associations and societies of the country, and has made numerous publications

in the fields of physiology and internal medicine. This man who is so deeply interested in relieving human suffering through the aid of medical science, is most assuredly making Meharry second to none in the realm of medical schools.



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