

Emanuel hospital offers health forum series

One way to avoid the problem of getting and paying for health care is to stay healthy.

To help people do just that, Emanuel Hospital is beginning a series of free weekly discussion programs on Tuesday, May 4, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room of Emanuel Extended Care, 3001 N. Gantenbein—two blocks north of the general hospital.

The series will emphasize talks by physicians, nurses, dentists, nutritionists, and other experts on how to keep the family healthy as well as where health care is available when someone gets sick.

First program will be on "Keeping Your Child Healthy and Happy." Leading the program will be Dr. Robert Thornfeldt, head of the Emanuel pediatric service and a participant in the Maternal and Infant Care Project housed at Emanuel. Programs will be informal, with people who attend invited to ask questions and enjoy coffee during an informal "break" during the program. In addition

to speakers, programs will include film strips, slides, audio-visual aids and other special items.

Free baby-sitting will be available to encourage both parents to attend the program, and will be provided by members of the Emanuel Junior Auxiliary volunteer group and student nurses.

A series of six programs is scheduled this Spring, one each Tuesday night beginning May 4. Plans are to resume the series next Fall based on community interest in the Spring series, according to Mrs. Deanna Pankratz, R.N., who is heading the Emanuel staff group which is planning the program in cooperation with Mrs. Bea Gilmore, R.N., health planner on the Model Cities staff.

Other discussions will range from "Good Eating for Less Money" to such topics as community health care resources, maternal and prenatal care, dental health, emergency care, home safety and first aid, etc.

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Equal Employment

has been putting the heel on the neck of blacks in this country. And those who really want to do that in the physical sense can get the message."

Among private corporations, the former EEOC chairman said, "talk far outstripped the performance." He noted that after the EEOC held public hearings in New York in 1968, some "very significant increases" in white collar employment of blacks took place, but he added that the change was primarily in "the entry level and lower middle level white collar positions. The board rooms are still pretty lilly white."

Alexander cited a study last fall, which found no blacks among 2,522 top executives in 50 corporations and only three blacks among 660 board members of the same companies.

The U.S. Congress has never succeeded in passing legislation to give the EEOC enforcement powers in the field of job discrimination, though it has had such bills before it several times in recent years. Currently, a bill giving "cease and desist" powers to the commission is bottled up in the House Rules Committee, which is headed by Rep. William Colmer (D-Miss.). Alexander predicted that "at the end of this session, there will be no 'cease and desist' legislation, because one 80-year-old Mississippian representing the voice of white Mississippi of 40 years ago decided that he would keep this bill in committee. And, one president of the United States has said nothing about this."

Equal opportunity for blacks and other minorities, in private corporations could take place without such legislation, he said, if those who control the corporations would recognize that existing laws and their own self-interest would be served. "If the changes do take place," Alexander said, "—and there are certainly many reasons to question whether they are going to take place—they're going to take place because whites have decided from the point of view of their own self-interest that they need to do something."

"The corporation, as a legal entity, is certainly perfectly capable of adjusting itself to the law; the corporation does not have to stand as a bastion against progress . . . If they want to take the ultimate step, they could change this society within a few years."

In the meantime, Alexander added, "I think that blacks . . . ought to be pragmatic, ought to look for actual change and, when they see it in some great substance, then they can rejoice. Until that time, they ought to be very wary, very skeptical and very questioning of white motives attitudes and society."



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