

Eugene Health Facilities—I

Why Controversy About Plans for New Hospital?

EDITOR'S NOTE: A new hospital in Eugene? This possibility has raised a number of questions in the past two and a half months. Register-Guard reporter Jerry Uhrhammer spent two months investigating the complex issues, traveling nearly 5,000 miles. Here is the first of his reports:

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Asset or hot potato? That was the question, asked recently in a letter to the editor of the Register-Guard, about the proposed new 100-bed general hospital in Eugene.

be one of the major factors. But most of the area's doctors, on the other hand, say that the community would be better served if these additional beds were in Sacred Heart Hospital.

One thing is evident in investigating the situation: Establishment of another hospital in Eugene at this time could set the stage for potentially serious effects on the community's hospital picture.

One potential effect might be an increase in the cost of hospital care to the patients and public. This could happen for example, if too many hospital beds existed for the needs of the community.

Another possible effect — if the new hospital did not adhere to the strict standards of medical practice followed by the area's existing hospitals — might be a lower standard of care at the institution.

Concern is evident about the philosophy behind the proposal for the hospital. According to announced plans, it would be a proprietary hospital—profit-sharing. There are good proprietary hospitals and there are bad ones. If the new hospital was intent on making a profit for its investors, it might fall into the "California pattern" of proprietary hospitals — and the majority of California's proprietary hospitals are held in less than high esteem. The chief charge against them: They put profits first, patients second.

It is known that at least one individual behind the proposal for the new hospital would profit. He is the California hospital builder, Allen G. Tatkin. Under the leasing arrangement proposed for the hospital, he would collect a quarter of a million dollars, more or less, in rent over a three-year period.

Any possible monetary gain which might accrue to Nee, the hospital consultant who has been connected with the venture, is less clear. He has said he'll go anywhere for a fee. But there are also some things he didn't say—including what happened to a certain sanitarium which he and his wife owned in California.

The question of the new hospital is inextricably tied up with what has been called "the hottest topic in the hospital field today" — planning.

Planning is what a budget-conscious house uses when she tries to stretch her grocery dollars to the fullest. She knows that buying too much food, or the wrong kinds of food, raises hob with the budget and wastes dollars.

The same rationale lies behind planning for hospitals and medical care facilities — careful budgeting of the public's health dollars in an era when already-high costs of health care are climbing steadily.

The objective of planning is to see that the public's health dollars aren't spent wastefully; to "make available the best possible quality of care in modern facilities . . . operated at a maximum of efficiency and economy," said a joint committee of the American Hospital Assn. and the U.S. Public Health Service in a 1961 report.

Oregon already has a measure of planning which is brought to bear on the hospital field. This comes through the federal Hill-Burton program of assistance for hospital construction in communities.

The Oregon State Board of Health administers the program in the state. Part of this program is determining where this federal assistance is needed the most. These needs are set forth in the "Oregon State Plan."

Since this federal-state program went into effect following World War II, a large number of Oregon hospitals — being built or expanded to meet the needs of their communities — have received Hill-Burton assistance. In Lane County alone, more than \$1 million has been invested in hospitals and related facilities: McKenzie-Willamette Hospital and Cottage Grove Hospital twice received Hill-Burton grants; Sacred Heart Hospital and Western Lane Hospital in Florence has each received grants; and some Hill-Burton money went into the new Lane County Courthouse for the county health department (city-county Public Health Center).

This year, Sacred Heart Hospital is seeking Hill-Burton funds again to finance part of a forthcoming expansion. But the possibility of a new hospital has jeopardized the possibility that Sacred Heart will receive the funds.

It is around this point that a good deal of the controversy has swirled. (Tomorrow: Hospitals and bed needs in the community.)

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Strike At TWA Ruled Out

But Engineers For Other Lines Reject Terms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agreement was reached Thursday to head off the threatened strike of flight engineers on Trans World Airlines, but engineers employed by Eastern and Pan American airlines rejected the terms and threw the situation into new confusion.

Government mediators headed by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg, who pushed the marathon negotiations that brought about the TWA settlement, had relied on that settlement to set a pattern for general agreement on the threatened carriers.

A meeting of the Eastern and Pan Am chapters of the Flight Engineers International Assn. was called for New York Friday to decide on the course those groups will follow.

Not only the government mediators but the other lines as well had expected the TWA agreement to settle the whole affair.

Eastern Gratified

Just as the union announcement with respect to Eastern and Pan American was given to newsmen, a statement from Malcolm A. McIntyre, Eastern's president, expressed gratification that the TWA deal had been made.

McIntyre adopted Goldberg's statement that "this should help resolve the same issues involving other airlines."

Labor Department officials, however, took the position that nothing was essentially changed by the Eastern and Pan Am engineers' action, since only TWA engineers were parties to the agreement reached Thursday.

Strike Notice Out

As things now stand on the other two lines, a strike notice is out but no walkout has been actually called.

All three lines originally were threatened but the fire finally was centered on TWA with the others on the sidelines.

A spokesman said there were no immediate plans for any Labor Department volunteer action on the Pan American and Eastern situations.

A union spokesman said rejection of the terms by Eastern and Pan Am engineers does not affect the validity of the arrangement on TWA.

Tension High At Border Of Cambodia

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Tension between South Viet Nam and Cambodia increased with new charges of border violations from both sides and a formal complaint by Cambodia to the three-nation control commission.

The Saigon paper Thu Do claimed that 100 Cambodian soldiers attacked the Vietnamese border town of An Lac 100 miles west of here Monday and clashed with Vietnamese forces. The account claimed eight of the Cambodians were killed and arms were seized before the attackers were beaten off.

In a cautiously worded communique Thursday night, South Viet Nam said the attack was carried out by "about 100 unidentified men in battle dress and equipped with many types of weapons" and the fight lasted more than six hours. South Viet Nam listed its losses as one dead and two wounded.

In another incident, it was learned here Wednesday that Cambodia has complained to the commission of four border violations by South Viet Nam.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston . . . 000 201 000—3 7 9
Cleveland . . . 000 001 000—1 3 0
New York . . . 011 001 000—3 2 0
Philadelphia . . . 000 000 000—0 2 0
Pittsburgh . . . 000 000 000—0 2 0
St. Louis . . . 000 000 000—0 2 0
Washington . . . 000 000 000—0 2 0
W. League
Los Angeles at Kansas City, night.
Minnesota at Chicago, night.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago at Philadelphia, night.
Only game scheduled.

'I Took a Little Hike,' Boy Tells Searchers

7-Year-Old Youth In Good Condition



Clifford Altman, 7, is lifted from car by his father, Kenneth, after being found safe Wednesday, climaxing a 78-hour search on the rugged slopes of Mt. Hood. Two loggers found the boy after an organized search had been given up earlier in the day.

Dean Rusk Takes First Look at 'Wall'

BERLIN (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk got his first look at the Red wall splitting Berlin Thursday and called it "an affront to human dignity."

"It will be broken down one day," he had declared earlier. After touring the wall, Rusk said he is ready to continue talking with the Soviet Union in an effort to find a basis for negotiating Berlin's future.

He was speaking at a ceremony in West Berlin's City Hall, where he signed the golden visitor's book during a 2½-hour visit to the threatened city, more than 100 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

"I continue to be ready to explore further with the Soviet Union whether a basis for negotiation exists," he said. "To do less would be a dereliction of my duty to the American people and to the people of West Berlin."

Rusk mounted a British army observation tower to look over the wall and down Unter den Linden, once Berlin's smartest street.

An estimated 30,000 persons stood along Rusk's 10-mile winding route from the airport. Rusk held a third and final meeting with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville today before his flight to

Algiers Quiet As Moslems Resume Jobs

ALGIERS (AP) — Moslems returned to work in droves in Algiers Thursday, feeling the city's truce will stick despite continued scorched earth attacks by the Secret Army Organization in eastern and western Algeria.

Authorities reported a virtually 100 per cent return to work in all vital services of the city. For the first time in months, the city's streets were cleaned of piles of garbage.

A number of Moslems also returned to work in private companies. Several restaurants reopened and movie theaters advertised new films.

Moslem Policemen Moslem auxiliary policemen were being gradually put to work in European areas. They patrolled the streets in pairs and here and there attempted to direct traffic.

Officials said it was essential that the Europeans get used to the idea of Moslem policemen before independence next month.

Authorities believed that terror would not return to the city again.

Authorities also were optimistic concerning the situation in western Algeria.

Some French reports said the secret army's West Algerian command was debating adherence to the Algiers truce worked out last weekend by a secret army leader in the capital and a member of the Moslem National Liberation Front.

Installation Wrecked But officials in Oran said there was no sign of a change in the Oran terrorists' earlier defiance of the peace agreement.

Instead, a blast wrecked a large natural gas installation, sending flames shooting 300 feet into the air. The secret army was blamed.

Terrorists in eastern Algeria also were active, burning down the city hall and two other buildings in Bone, a major port 260 miles east of Algiers.

U.S., India Sign Pact NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The United States and India signed agreements Thursday for \$285 million in long-term loans to aid Indian industrial development.

Laos Princes In Agreement On Decree VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Right-wing leader Gen. Phoumi Nosavan said Thursday the three Laotian factions have agreed to give full powers to King Savang Vatthana to install a new provisional government of national union.

Phoumi made the statement after a 45-minute meeting with premier-designate Prince Souvanna Phouma and Pro-Communist Pathet Lao Prince Souphanouvong's representative, Phoumi Vongvichit.

This compromise was reached after four days of discussions among Laotian leaders to iron out a disagreement over the drafting of a royal decree installing the new government.

The neutralists and pro-Communists object to recognition of the legality of the National Assembly, a right-wing body.

Souvanna indicated, however, that the dispute primarily was between the right wingers and pro-Communists.

Former Circuit Rider

Rev. Francis Cook, 96, Dies

A longtime Eugene minister and singing evangelist, the Rev. Francis Lincoln Cook, 96, died in Portland Wednesday.

Cook, a former circuit rider, built the McKenzie River Christian Church and was one of the first members of the Octogenarian Quartet whose members claimed they were the oldest singing group in the United States.

He was born in Olathe, Kan., Aug. 27, 1865, but because there were no schools nearby he didn't begin his education until he was 12. Later he was a student at a teachers' college in Fort Scott, Kan., and a Bible college at Ash Grove, Mo.

He worked his way west as a minister during the 1880s. Cook served 41 years in Oregon churches and for 11 years, was assistant pastor of the Eugene Christian Church.

After building the church at McKenzie Bridge, Cook continued as its pastor for some 13 years. He drove the 55 miles from his Eugene home to the church each weekend.

In addition to his other work, Cook was pastor of the Christian Church at The Dalles from 1905 until 1909.

As late as last fall he was still making solo singing appearances as well as preaching guest sermons throughout the state, although he had retired six years ago.

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Turn to Appeal Board

New Step Proposed in Dispute

Unable to bargain their way out of a deadlock, Oregon contractors and iron workers may solve their extended dispute by taking a pioneering step in labor-management relations.

A spokesman for four employer associations involved in the negotiations proposed the step after fruitless bargaining in Portland Wednesday.

The employers propose that the two sides voluntarily submit their dispute to a national appeal board. The board was established only last year. It is composed of seven presidents of international construction unions and seven representatives of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Any decision of the national board would be binding. The board would have 14 days to

reach a decision. It is believed that this would be the first time the board has been used.

Replying to the proposal, spokesmen for the International Assn. of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers said the union must consult with its Northwest District Council, then submit the suggestion to the 700 rank and file members. This means the union's answer probably will not be given until next week.

The iron workers have been on strike for 24 days in the absence of agreement upon a new contract with the employers. The Eugene Contractors Assn. is one of the four employer associations in on the bargaining.

On Wednesday the four employer groups announced that

they had given their negotiating team authority to call for a shutdown of all jobs on which iron work is yet to be done if no agreement were reached by midnight Friday.

Little news came out of Portland Thursday morning on another labor-management matter of prime interest—the attempt of Northwest timber firms and two big timber unions to settle on new wages for lumber workers.

No direct negotiations have been conducted for some time. Officials of the International Woodworkers of America continued Thursday a meeting to discuss possible strike action against the employers. The other union affected by the negotiations is the Lumber and Sawmill Workers.