

Doc Says Medical Costs Not Rising So Fast as Others

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—The total cost of medical care has risen less than the cost of living, and most of the increase is due to hospital charges, Dr. John W. Cline, president of the American Medical Assoc., asserts.

The increase in the daily rates of hospitals has exceeded the percentage rise in living costs, however, Dr. Cline said in an address prepared for delivery at the association's clinical meeting here.

This added hospital expense is due mainly to increased costs of labor, he said, adding that salaries and wages account for 40 to 70 percent of hospital expenditures.

The patient gets one break in all this, Dr. Cline said, because medical science has shortened the average period of hospitalization. Dr. Cline urged the doctors to explain these things to their patients as a means of offsetting some of

the criticism of the existing medical system.

Most complaints from patients deal with these increased costs, with allegations of overcharging and with lack of availability of medical care in some places, he said.

Dr. Cline urged state and county medical societies to deal severely with doctors who charge unreasonable fees. These societies have the power to discipline association members.

The AMA president also said patients should be encouraged to bring their complaints to the societies for investigation.

The association also announced the names of six doctors who will represent it on a joint commission for accrediting hospitals in the United States and Canada.

The six are Dr. Roland J. Whitacre, East Cleveland, O.; Dr. Her-

Cinderella Has Tough Time Of It-And Unhappy

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—California's Cinderella isn't living up to the script at all.

Emerging from hiding to fly home to mamma, Martha Morris De Vigier, 16, told reporters:

"The money doesn't mean anything to me. It doesn't make you happy. I was very happy before. I want my old life back."

The money is her demand, in a suit for separate maintenance, for \$10,000 a month, \$75,000 fees for her attorney, and a share in community property of Roland De Vigier, 28, wealthy Swiss industrialist.

Martha's old life was that of a

man G. Weiskotten, Syracuse, N.Y.; Dr. Julian Price, Florence, S.C.; Dr. Dwight Murray, Napa, Calif.; Dr. Gunnar Hundersen, LaCrosse, Wis., and Dr. Stanley A. Truman, Oakland, Calif.

Similar groups from the American Hospital Assoc. and the American college of surgeons will join the AMA group to form a commission for approving hospitals in which doctors generally may prac-

Torrance, Calif., high school coed. As such, she met Dr. Vigier over a malted milk. They were married within a month on November 14.

Martha's suit added that she still is an unlicensed bride—after both civil and church (Notre Dame cathedral in Paris) ceremonies, and a lavish 15-day European honeymoon. Her suit charged mental cruelty.

She showed up at the airport, for her flight to Torrance, a Los Angeles suburb, in what society writers might call contrasting attire:

Her 4½ carat diamond engagement ring and diamond studded wedding ring.

And slacks, turtle neck sweater and leather jacket.

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