

# A Small-Town Physician Favors 'Nature's Wisdom'

By DELOS SMITH  
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NEW YORK (UPI)—Should a physician prolong the life of a hopelessly ill and dying patient? A small-town doctor has given an emphatic "no" to this delicate and profound question of medical ethics. His arguments in favor of bowing to "nature's wisdom" are now being circulated throughout the medical profession.

Physicians generally feel their obligation is to life, even if it's a mere thread of life that's frayed almost to the breaking point. To this concept, Dr. Martin Donelson Jr. of Danville, Va., replies that "life is indeed sacred but not sacrosanct to the point of inflicting costly and painful indignities on someone who has earned his repose."

He spoke only of dying persons whom physicians keep "in vegetative existence" by artificial means. He had observed "competent and conscientious" physicians preserve life for weeks and months in cases, with stupor and even coma, in patients who would have quietly expired in a day or so if left mercifully alone.

Donelson based himself morally upon the Golden Rule and upon a portion of the Hippocratic Oath which all physicians take and which is the keystone of medical ethics. He quoted this portion: "I will follow that method of treatment which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous."

In these hopeless and dying cases the physician should not prescribe blood nor "unnatural" artificial feedings, Donelson said, "and at the end should have the courage to discontinue antibiotics if these are an unduly prolonging factor."

The physician should be "in conscientious attendance and control over the case," and he should be "sure his patient is free of pain and thirst and has good nursing care."

Laymen should not confuse Donelson's views with the idea of "mercy death." There the physician helps death to take over. Donelson's view is that when death is present and life, though existing, has no chance, the physician should "embrace watchful waiting."

WILL HEAD INSTITUTE  
GOETTINGEN, Germany, (UPI)—American physicist Rudolph Brill of Brooklyn has accepted an offer to head the Max Planck Foundation's Berlin Fritz-Haber Institute, which sponsors physics research, it was announced today.



COLEMAN A. HARWELL

# Fast Changing World Puts New Stress On Reporting

Editor's Note: Coleman A. Harwell is editor of the Nashville Tennessean and president of The Associated Press Managing Editors Assn. In the following article, he describes the association's accomplishments in improving the standard of news coverage around the world since its organization a quarter of a century ago.

By COLEMAN A. HARWELL  
One of the big news stories of the past 25 years is what has happened to news itself. For instance, take science, with H-bombs, nuclear submarines, space missiles and shots at the moon. Or medicine, with Salk vaccine, mechanical hearts and geriatrics.

Even normal events seem out of proportion. Revolutions affect whole peoples, not just isolated dictatorships. School matters are not merely local district arguments anymore, they are national and even world issues.

In order to cover news today, knowledge and skills have had to be enlarged and extended. The blast of a missile into space must be reported as clearly and fully in human and scientific terms as was the flight of a single-motored plane across the Atlantic.

As knowledge has increased, demands have been made for more and more information. The reader now expects to be told not only what happened, but how and why.

Newspapers in a democracy are based upon the principle that a free nation depends upon an informed public. However difficult the task, newspapers must satisfy the desire of the people to know. They must obtain and publish a great variety of facts from their own communities and from every part of the world. They must do this accurately and completely, swiftly and clearly and with technical excellence.

Newspapers realized years ago that to meet the challenges of progress, they would require more skill, more knowledge, more money and effort and time than any one or any small number of newspapers might possess.

# Against Troop Reduction, Chiang Tells Reporter

Editor's Note—Spencer Moosa, Associated Press correspondent with many years experience in Formosa and the Far East, here reports on his exclusive interview with Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-shek. The interview was obtained in a simply furnished house overlooking the harbor of Kaohsiung in southern Formosa.

By SPENCER MOOSA  
KAOHSIUNG, Formosa (AP)—

President Chiang Kai-shek said today in effect that he is opposed to a reduction of his armed forces on the offshore islands or any change in their status.

The Nationalist Chinese leader expressed incredulity over the reports from Washington that Secretary of State Dulles had said it would not be "wise or prudent" to keep Chiang's large forces on the islands if a dependable cease-fire could be arranged.

"Mr. Dulles must know," Chiang declared in an interview, "that it is only wishful thinking to ask the Chinese Communists for a cease-fire."

"Granted that Mr. Dulles made the statement attributed to him," he added, "it would be only a unilateral declaration and my government would be under no obligation to keep it."

"We have confidence that Mr. Dulles is sincere toward us and that he has faith in our cause," the President added.

Asked what he thought about the future of the Chinese Communists, who today were celebrating the ninth anniversary of the inauguration of their Chinese People's Republic in Peking, Chiang said: "My belief is that it will not be very long before the Chinese Com-

munist regime will come to the end of the road. How soon that will be only the future can tell. But it may come about sooner than expected."

"I cannot tell right away," Chiang said, "whether Mr. Dulles has made the remarks attributed to him for diplomatic reasons or with other purposes in mind."

"What he is quoted as having said seems completely incompatible with our stand and does not sound like him."

"There seems to be implications at variance with his own earlier utterances on the subject."

"Mr. Dulles must know that wishes for a cease-fire will never materialize and he must have serious misgivings in his own mind about the subject."

Chiang added: "Mr. Dulles has always stood on the side of justice and righteousness and it is inconceivable that he might now have new thoughts on the matter."

able the American people to understand what the Communist attacks on Kinmen (Quemoy) mean. "While outwardly they are directed against the territory of the Republic of China, they are actually intended as assaults against America's first line of defense in Asia."

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# South Church Bars Negroes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A Little Rock Methodist church announced Friday night that Negroes would not be admitted to services during this period of tension. The official board of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church said it adopted the policy because a Negro was taken to last Sunday's service by a church member. Mrs. Roy T. Harrison, who described herself as a segregationist, took Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Negro, to the church. Later the Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, the pastor, said it was a shame to withdraw her.

It is estimated that Shamblin has urged congregations with an interest in the Little Rock integration crisis in the Rock.