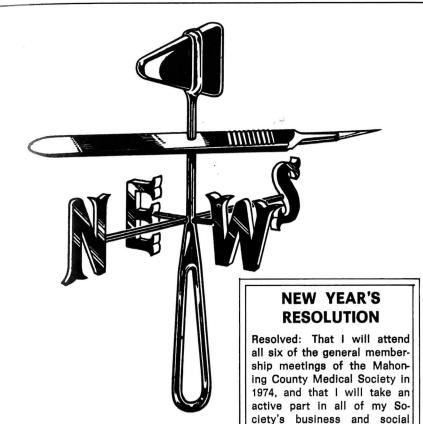
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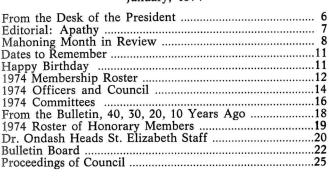
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From the Desk of the President THE COURSE OF A SOCIETY

In 1976 our country will celebrate its bicentennial. Our forefathers wrote one of the most unique and cherished documents known to mankind—The Declaration of Independence. It states in part that we, the people of the United States, shall enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I now ask you to stop reading and reflect—at least for a few moments. What does this mean? Who suffered for it, Who died for it? Who sacrificed in order that we could inherit the fruits of their labors?

Does not man desire better for his children? Do we not enjoy that which others have preserved and presented to us? Do we not have the duty and obligation to continue to preserve and protect one of the highest callings of all—the private practice of medicine. It has been said that history repeats itself. Those who relinquish responsibility shall also lose freedom. We are now forced with the arbitrary and and discriminating abolishment of a nearly sacred relationship—that of a physician and his patient.

Perhaps the confessor and his priest and man and his private prayer to God surpasses this intimate and personal state. I believe it wrong and improper for politicians, government, hospitals and insurance companies to interpose themselves between the doctor and patient. This is a violation of one's constitutional rights. Their interest is control where they are the least capable and least qualified. Their disguise is to "improve quality" of medical care. Be this their interest then let them start in their own house—not ours. Their real aim is to also control cost! Fine!! Let them control the increasing cost of supplies, labor, utilities, reduce waste and inefficiency. This will do more to reduce "health care cost" than attempting to control all activities of physicians and let the rest of costs skyrocket and then blame this on physicians who have no control or voice in controlling these items.

Do "they" think that dictatorial powers over approximately 20% of the health care dollars will magically in any way affect 80% of the remaining dollars with no control and left to the whims of politicians, union leaders, hospitals and bureaucrats.

The physicians must first become informed, act together, and also influence the public, their patients, to prevent the take-over of the private practice of medicine by people who have failed in their own endeavor—namely ineffective and inefficient government, lack of conservation of our natural resources, air and water pollution, unemployment, strikes, inferior education, crime, excess taxation and waste everywhere.

Discoverers, scientists, pioneers, and physicians as well as sailors, tribes, nations and institutions have frequently set on a course of uncharted waters with lack of fair weather and many unforeseen obstacles. As the Greeks have said, "The be-

ginning is the hardest."

We have started. At the November meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society the attendance was one of the largest in years. At that meeting the support of a resolution lacked one vote of being unanimous not to affiliate with the Medical Advances Institute and to recommend to our members that they do not participate in any activity of M.A.I. and to urge our members not to participate in any form of government controlled peer review as exemplified by the P.S.R.O. section of Public Law 92-603!

We have drawn the battle line. Now let us close ranks, maintain our stand and pursue our course to preserve and protect our heritage in the private practice of medicine. There has been a continuous insidious erosion of the professional inde-

pendence and freedom of medicine.

An important aspect of the issue is to inform the people of the unrelenting encroachment on freedom. They must realize that socialized doctors have socialized patients. The physicians must lead the resistance against socialized medicine.

I am not naive enough to think that improvement among physicians is not needed nor necessary. Let each clean his own house and let his neighbor clean his. Let us set an example for others to emulate and not surrender our liberty to those who are incapable of caring for their own affairs.

—John C. Melnick, M.D. President



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Editorial

APATHY

I would like to devote this editorial on attendance or rather lack of attendance at Medical Society meetings. In spite of the importance of the subject matter of the pros and cons of PSRO and medical unionism, the meetings were very poorly attended. The apathy of the members concerning what will affect our future is truly astounding.

Your voices can be better heard and your desires made known at a meeting of the County Medical Society than through corridor conversations at the hospitals. It is the only way our membership, through a democratic majority, can direct our delegates how to vote at district and state levels. The politicians have long known about the apathy of the average physician and can count on this to allow them to pass laws that will eventually lead to complete government control of doctor-patient relationship. Our only hope of combating complete governmental control is in having a strong Medical Society. This can only be accomplished by a greatly improved attendance.

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D. Editor

P.S. We would like to print guest editorials this year. We invite and encourage any member to express his opinion by writing an editorial and sending it to the *Bulletin*.



Mahoning Month in Review...

A summary of recent developments in the field of health in Mahoning County

YOUNGSTOWN MAN IS HEART ASSOCIATION TREASURER — John S. (Jack) Andrews, long associated with the local Heart Association, has been named treasurer of the American Heart Association. He has served as campaign chairman and chairman of the board of the Eastern Ohio Chapter, encompassing Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH SCREENING PROGRAM — An estimated 10,000 children will be eligible for a mass medical screening and diagnostic program to be established by the Mahoning County Welfare Department under Title 19. Principal recipients will be children in the Aid to Dependent Children's program, with others eligible for medical assistance, newborn to age 21, also being included. The local Welfare Department was aiming toward a Dec. 1st target date.

POLAND NURSE REELECTED OHIO DIRECTOR — Mrs. Jean H. Baird, associate executive director, Mahoning-Shenango Health Education Network (MASHEN), has been reelected a director of the Ohio Nurses Association. Mrs. Baird is currently president of District Three Nurses Association, which includes Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

ENGINEER NAMED TO HEALTH BOARD — Lawrence W. Weller, Jr., chief engineer at the American Welding and Manufacturing Co., Warren, was named by Mayor Hunter to fill the unexpired term of D. Roy Mellon on the Youngstown Board of Health. Weller, 32, the unsuccessful Republican candidate for City Council president last election, will serve through April 1, 1977.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH EXPANDS IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM — The Mahoning County Board of Health will extend its immunization program for young children into an ongoing "child health conference" program. The conference will provide examinations and health advice for children up to 6 years of age. It will operate on a referral basis, providing shots only for those children who cannot afford them.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH SEEKS ELDERLY DAY CENTER — The Board has approved an application for a grant of \$35,000 through the Ohio Commission on Aging to provide a day center which would provide meals, health screening and social activities for the elderly.



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The Appreciation Dinner for all those who supported the medical school in this area, originally scheduled for Akron on Jan. 25th, has been postponed. A new date for the meeting is being rescheduled and will be announced in the near future. Expected to attend the dinner will be physicians and laymen from all 17 counties served by the Northeastern Ohio Universities School of Medicine.

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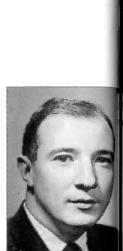
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not on his committee, and should feel free to call upon them.









From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1934

A brand new year, the fifth year of the great depression. Business was operating under the N.R.A. which was unconstitutional but we didn't know it until later. The unemployed were working for the C.W.A. and could be seen everywhere leaning on their shovels. The Youngstown Relief Office had been opened in the Dollar Bank Bldg., under the direction of R. A. Noble and the active supervision of our Economics Committee (Skipp, Walter Stewart, R. G. Mossman, McCurdy and E. J. Reilly.) The new Meander water had been turned into the city mains and every housewife was up in arms because what came out of the faucets was a brown murky liquid which stained the clothes and ruined the cooking. Prohibition had been repealed, so there was not much complaint about the water from the male side.

The tone of the *Bulletin* was optimistic. President J. B. Nelson said: "Murmers of prosperity are once more audible. We can only hope, sincerely, that the Society will have a more prosperous year than has been possible in the past." Claude Norris was the new editor and Sam Tamarkin the business manager of the *Bulletin* and, according to our columnist "Breetus", they bade fair to eclipse previous years. Dr. Morris Fishbein, the ebullient editor of the A.M.A. Journal, was announced as speaker at the Annual Banquet next month,

price \$2.00 per plate.

Milk from Heberding's Indian Creek Farm was 10 cents a quart delivered to your door and guaranteed not to be an aquarium. Antiphlogistine was a popular remedy for chest colds and Lyons promised that his Syrup Ephedrine Compound would "help you cough."

The final touch was found on the back cover and was not very optimistic. It said, "Help Your Society—Our Funds Are Low—We Need Money For

Programs—Pay Your Dues Promptly."

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1944

The third year of World War II found 150 members left to carry on the Society's work. The Honor Roll showed 112 men in the armed services, in-

including intern members.

Letters were received from Ivan Smith, Clyde Walter and A. O. Axelson. Ivan was doing Physical Therapy at Fort Billings General Hospital. He chopped his foot while chopping logs for the fireplace, fracturing the navicular and severing some tendons but was back on the job in ten days. Walter was at Johns Hopkins taking a course in clinical laboratory, courtesy of the U.S. Army. Axelson was battalion surgeon in an armored tank division in England, doing twenty-five mile marches and sleeping on the ground, getting ready for Normandy. Walter K. Stewart was with the Public Health Service at Ashtabula. They are all just memories to us now, but most worthy ones.

Frances Miller became a new member.

Penicillin was here to stay and Antiphlogistine had disappeared from our pages. Lyons had switched to CherroGuiaol to help you(r) cough. Florence

1974 ROSTER OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Fuscoe, H. E. Mossman, R. G. Basile, J. M. Fusselman, H. E. Neel, V. A. Benko, J. M. Bennett, W. H. Harvey, J. P. Reese, H. J. Hathhorn, H. E. Rummell, R. W. Berkson, M. I. Hutt, H. B. Schmid, H. Bowman, B. M. Kennedy, P. H. Stefanski, C. Boyle, P. L. Coe, L. G. Curtis, W. S. Lowendorf, C. S. Tamarkin, Saul McElroy, W. D. Wagner, C. F. McReynolds, C. A. Weidenmier, C. H. Dilorio, E. Meader, R. P. Dreiling, B. J. Zeve, H. S. Fenton, R. W. Mover, L. H.

Heberding had quieted down and simply stated that Indian Creek milk was clean and wholesome. Nothing was said about paying your dues. The doctors had plenty of money but no time to spend it.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1954

James Brown was President, Ivan Smith the President-Elect. Gabriel DeCicco was Secretary and Andrew Detesco was Editor of the *Bulletin*. C. A. Gustafson was Councilor of the Sixth District. Morris Rosenblum was chairman of the Program Committee and the Diabetes Committee.

During Diabetes Week 1987 tests were done and 37 new cases were dis-

covered.

Patrick Cestone was certified by the American Board of Surgery. James Calvin completed his tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Japan and returned for practice in internal medicine. Wm. Sovik and Joseph Kupek were awarded fellowships in the American College of Surgeons. Stewart Patton was about to finish his residency in Orthopedic Surgery. Robert Bruchs completed his OB-GYN training and opened his office in the Dollar Bank Bldg. Alexander Calder opened his office for the family practice of medicine.

Dr. Harold Segall became a member of the Society.

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1964

Jack Schreiber was President and John McDonough President-Elect. R. J. Scheetz was Secretary and Robert Warnock Editor of the *Bulletin*. There were 14 associate Editors. It should be a big year for the *Bulletin* and for the Society.

An idea was given to Bert Katz's lovely and talented wife, Eleanor, who took pen in hand and created what I believe is a strikingly attractive cover for

our Bulletin.

The N-E-W-S utilize the principle of the old weather vane which denotes the direction the wind may be blowing. The axis of the weather vane is depicted by the well known pleximeter or reflex hammer which elicits nerve impulses. There is no better pointer for the weather vane than the surgeon's scalpel. From the medical department the electrocardiogram and jugular venous pulse wave on the graphic background represent the heart beat and pulse.

In other words, the *Bulletin* records the heart beat, pulse, and nerve impulse of the news of the Mahoning County Medical Society. The direction of

the wind may vary from time to time.

New members that month were: Karol Hoffman, John Tullai and Carl Klodell.

Arthur Rappoport was serving his second year as Governor of the American Society of Pathologists. Sandy Gaylord became a board member of Internal Medicine.

It promised to be a great year.

DR. ONDASH HEADS ST. ELIZABETH STAFF



Dr. Stephen W. Ondash, former president of of the Mahoning County Medical Society, has been elected 1974 president of the medical staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital. He succeeds Dr. A. K. Phillips, president since 1969.

Dr. Rashid A. Abdu is the new vice president and Dr. Robert Hritzo secretary-treasurer. Doctors Samuel Adornato, John A. Hyland and C. Edward Pichette will serve as at-large members of the executive committee. Dr. Harold Reese was chosen as representative to Associated Hospital Services (Blue Cross). All terms are for one year.

Other members of the executive committee, fulfilling three year terms are: Dr. Elias T. Saadi, internal medicine; Dr. Edmund Massullo, surgery; Dr. Asher Randell, family practice; Dr. Jordan Dentscheff, obstetrics and gynecology; Dr. William E. Sovik, eye-ear-nose and throat;

Dr. Sidney Davidow, pediatrics. and Dr. Robert Bitonte, dentistry.
Dr. S. V. Squicquero is associate director, clinical services, and Dr. Raymond J. Scheetz is the representative of special diagnostic services.

Dr. Ondash received his bachelor of science degree and medical degree from St. Louis University. After completing his internship and residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital, he served as an officer with the United States Army Medical Corps, Fourth Auxiliary Surgical Group. Upon discharge from the service in 1946, he joined the surgical staff at St. Elizabeth's, where he has also served as director of surgery.

A fellow of both the American and International College of Surgeons and member of the Ohio Advisory Committee to American College of Surgeons, he has also served as president of the Ohio State Surgical Association and the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He is presently chairman of the Ohio Committee Studying Quality of Surgical Services in the United States (SOSSUS). The subcommittee on quality is headed by Dr. C. Gardiner Child III, Professor of Surgery, University of Michigan, and involves four other states.

Dr. and Mrs. Ondash live at 3704 Glenwood Avenue. They have four

daughters.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The membership roster of the Mahoning County Medical Society shows the following categories of members as of December 1, 1973:

Active2	94
Associate (first year members)	
Honorary	34
Non-resident	23

During the past 12 months, there were six deaths. Four moved from Mahoning County. Four retired from active practice. Thirteen new physicians were added to the roster.

Did You Know . . .

The schedule of regular meetings of the Mahoning County Medical Society for the year is carried in every issue of the Bulletin. You will find these listed at the front of the magazine, just above the Table of Contents. There are six regularly scheduled meetings per year. They are held on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, September, November and December. Term Insurance is cheap — providing you outlive the term period or die within it.

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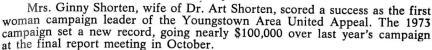
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Five Youngstown doctors have been named fellows of the American Academy of Family Physicians. They are Drs. Erhard Weltman, Henry L. Shorr, Andrew A. Detesco, John R. LaManna and Maria M. L. Fok.

Dr. Raymond S. Lupse has been reappointed chairman of the Service and Rehabilitation Committee of the

Ohio Division, American Cancer Society.



Dr. B. B. Burrowes is the recipient of a plaque given to him in honor of

his years of service to McGuffey Centre and the East Side community.

Dr. David H. Levy was honored for community contributions at the 19th

annual awards banquet of Youngstown Buckeye Elks Lodge 73.

Dr. Nathan D. Belinky, deputy Mahoning county coroner, recently addressed area funeral directors on the functions and responsibilities of the coroner's office.

Dr. George L. River was chairman and Dr. Kurt J. Wegner was cochairman for this year's ALSAC drive, the annual tri-county teen-age march to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Dr. William E. Sovik was one of five ophthalmological surgeons elected to a three-year term as a trustee of the American Association of Ophthalmology

and Otolaryngology at a meeting held recently in Dallas.

A welcome visitor to Youngstown and the medical society office at Thanksgiving time was Mrs. Ella Tidd, former secretary, who, with her husband, is now residing in Denver where her two sons are in business. Her enthusiasm for Colorado is unbounded.

Both Dr. Simon Chiasson and Dr. Raymond S. Lupse were listed in the just-out issue of "Who's Who in Ohio for 1974." Any others? Send in your

name to the Bulletin.

Dr. Earnest Perry has been elected to the board of trustees of the Youngstown Area Development Corp., becoming the first new board member since YADC's founding in 1968. Board chairman is Dr. Henry S. Ellison.

Dr. H. David Sacks, resident-intern member, has been elected to active

membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Edward A. Shorten has been elected to the Board of Directors of the

Youngstown Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Fred Coombs and Dr. Len Caccamo have been elected elders at First Presbyterian Church.

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO: All members of the Medical Society Blue Cross Group.

If you are incorporated, and wish to have the bill paid by your corporation, please notify the medical society office to have the statements billed to your corporate name.

OBITUARIES NEXT MONTH

Two prominent physicians have died since the printing of the December issue of the *Bulletin*. Because of the lack of space always experienced with the January issue, the obituaries of Dr. Edgar C. Baker and Dr. John U. Buchanan will be printed next month.

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

Most every doctor is at the mercy of any nut, crank, salesman or patient

who wishes to dial his telephone number.

Not at the office. My good secretary fends them off, takes their number, orders the prescription refills and shields me. I answer the phone immediately for other doctors and the hospital but I expect them to be on the phone when I answer.

The trouble is at home in the evening or on Thursdays and Sundays. The phone rings. You leave the newspaper or the TV or the medical journal to hear that Mrs. Schmaltz needs more of those green pills you gave her last

month for her blood pressure.

Or the baby has had a fever for three days and we are getting worried.

Would you call the pharmacy and prescribe something?

Or have you heard about our wonderful bargain on aluminum siding? There you are, hypertension and all, the victim of anyone who wishes to sit and dial your phone number. I have known doctors who installed loud telephone bells on their houses so they could answer when they were outdoors working in the garden. I have known doctors who always went to the office at noon because the secretary would be at lunch and he could cover the phone. I know doctors who keep a gadget in their belts which buzzes when anyone calls the Bureau.

I call that Slavery. I refuse to be a Slave. If you wish to avoid Slavery

I will tell you how. It will cost you a pretty penny but it is worth it.

You tell Mrs. Schmaltz that you never renew prescriptions from home because your records are at the office and if her tablets are gone, it is time for her to be checked.

The baby with fever should have been in the office. Give her some Tyle-

nol and bring her in.

Now here is a priceless gem about telephone solicitation for unworthy projects or obscene calls. Just lay down the receiver quietly and go away. When you come back the phone will be dead and the frustrated individual –I. L. F. on the other end will not call you again.

ELECTED TO FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Yiechul Jung has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. A native of Taegu, Korea, Dr. Jung earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Seoul National University, Korea. He completed his internship at Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia and his residency in internal medicine here at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Dr. Jung was also awarded a two-year fellowship in endocrinology at the University of Pittsburgh and was named diplomate of the American Board of

Internal Medicine.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Dec. 11, 1973

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical

Society was held Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1973, at the Youngstown Club.

Dr. Pichette introduced the guests, who requested that the annual dinner-dance, usually held in May, be combined with a scholarship dinner dance to be held by the Woman's Auxiliary on April 20th for the purpose of raising money for students in related medical fields. The motion was made by Dr. Martin, and properly seconded, that the council approve a combined affair, with the \$1000 budgeted for the dinner-dance to be applied to the combined dinner-dance. Motion was passed.

The following application was presented by the censors: ASSOCIATE: Yeshawant V. Ginde, M.D.

The application was approved. The applicant will become a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin,

unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

It was reported that the PSRO Resolution, passed at the Nov. 20th meeting of the Medical Society, has been sent to presidents and executive secretaries of all Ohio county medical societies with a letter inviting them to join us in our stand. The resolution was also sent to Dr. Lieber, Dr. Tschantz, Dr. Robert Clark, Hart Page and the AMA News.

A letter was read from Dr. Somma, Summit County chairman of the Group Malpractice Committee inquiring if the Mahoning County Medical Society was interested in further investigation of a Sixth District malpractice insurance plan. The motion was made by Dr. Holden, and properly seconded, that we are interested in further investigation, but not interested in the plan

as presented at the Kent meeting. Motion was passed.

A letter was read from the OSMA Committee on Organ Transplant asking the opinion of the Mahoning County Medical Society toward organ transplantation. The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that a committee be appointed to study the concept. Dr. Pichette appointed the following committee: Dr. Chiu, chairman, Dr. Bacani, Dr. Bleacher and Dr. Cinelli. The committee is requested to report to council at a future meeting. The secretary was requested to notify OSMA that a committee has been formed.

A letter was read from Health Applications Systems, a commercial organization in the business of giving aid to organizations desirous of setting up

medical foundations or PSRO councils. The letter was filed.

A letter was read from the Mahoning County Welfare Department asking for participation of physicians in a "federally mandated program," entitled, "Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment" for eligible children from infancy through age 21. An outline of the program was included. Council requested that a letter be sent to the Welfare Departmnt requesting the budget for the program, a copy of the law, the source of the mandate, the relationship of the program to the Head Start Program and the relationship to Medicaid.

The secretary was requested to find out complete details as to whether

contributions to our Physicians' Welfare Fund are tax deductible.

The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that a person to be elected delegate must have served a period of time on council and must have attended an OSMA House of Delegates meeting and that the motion to referred to the Constitution Committee for action. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Anderson and enthusiasticaly seconded, that Dr. Pichette be commended for a wonderful job as president for 1973.

The motion was passed by a standing ovation.

Dr. Pichette noted that Dr. Holden would be leaving council and a vote of thanks for his services was in order. He was accorded a standing ovation.

Dr. Jack Schreiber reported on the AMA meeting in California. He reported that support for repeal of the PSRO law gathered force as the meeting

progressed and that an unusual number of legislators and government officials were brought in to address the meeting. Of special interest was an address by Dr. John Herd, Atlanta, who got 40 congressmen to write a letter to the AMA House of Delegates stating that they want to repeal the law but need help from the AMA. As the result of deliberations, a rewritten resolution on PSRO was passed unanimously. The AMA resolution is as follows: The AMA affirms the following principles:

That the medical profession remains firmly committed to the principle of

peer review, under professional direction, and That medical society programs of proven effectiveness should not be dis-2.

mantled by PSRO implementation, and

That the Association suggests that each hospital medical staff, working with the local medical society, continue to develop its own peer review, based upon principles of sound medical practice and documentable objective criteria, so as to certify that objective review of quality and utilization does take place; to make these review procedures sufficiently strong as to be unassailable by any outside party or parties; and that the local and state medical societies take all legal steps to resist the intrusion of any third party into the practice of medicine, and

That this House of Delegates, as individual physicians and through the Board of Trustees and its Council on Legislation, work to inform the public and legislators as to the potential deleterious effects of this law on the quality, confidentiality and cost of medical care; and the hope that the Congress in their wisdom will respond by either repeal, modification,

or interpretation of rules which will protect the public.

The considered opinion of this House of Delegates is that the best interests of the American people, our patients, would be served by the repeal of the present PSRO legislation. It is also believed that this is consistent with our longstanding policy and opposition to this legislation prior to passage.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes **Executive Secretary**

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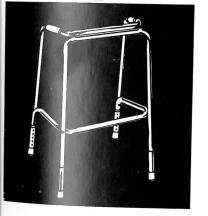
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