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# SECRET REPORT

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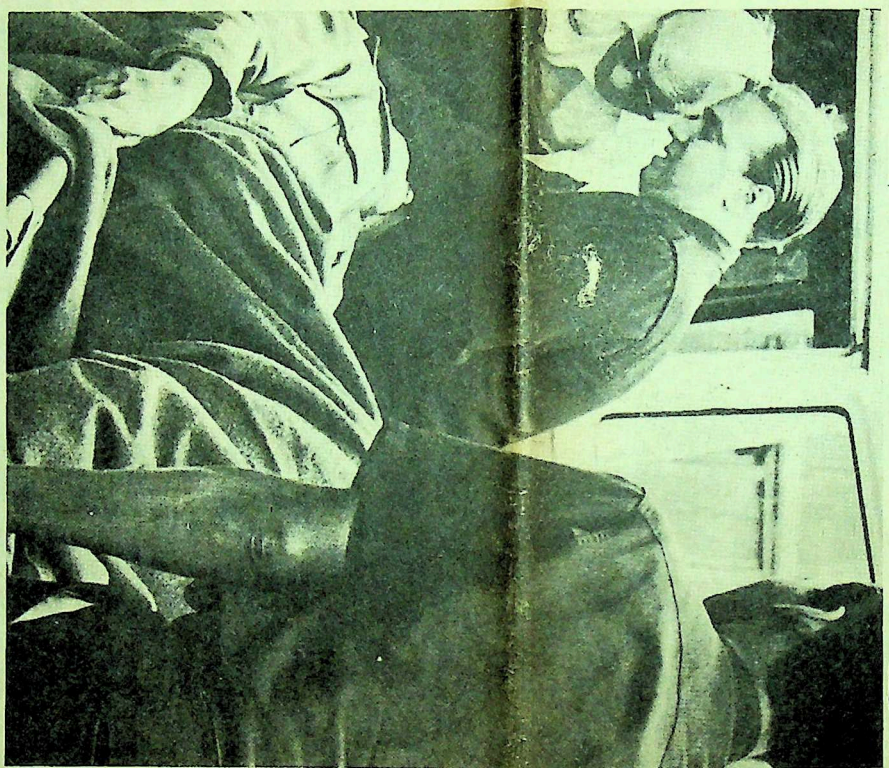
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For months Mayor Daley and his Board of Health have been hiding an explosive report on Uptown's health crisis. This secret report—named "The Needs and Financing of Health Care in the Model Cities Communities"—was done for the City last year by Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Health Commissioner Brown has dribbled out a few parts of it in press releases, but even the *Sun-Times* and *Daily News* have been refused a look at the complete report.

If our tax money paid for it, if it's about our health... then why is the City keeping this report so secret? The answer is that this study proves in black and white how bad our health care is. In his re-election campaign, Mayor Daley kept on calling Chicago "the healthiest city in America." The facts in this report prove that he is lying.

Through circumstances we can't discuss, some doctors at the Young Patriots Community Health Service saw one of the few copies of this report. They turned this information over to the Firing Line so that all of us could find out what the City doesn't want us to know. Here are some of the facts:

1. The lack of health care in Uptown is killing our people. Uptown has almost twice the rate of pneumonia as the whole city does. Our TB rate is slightly over twice the city rate, and the infectious hepatitis rate is more than **THREE TIMES** the city-wide rate. Two and a half times as many people die in Uptown from kidney disease as the city-wide average. Our infant death rate is almost one-third higher than the average for Chicago, which is itself one of the worst cities in the US in infant death. To sum it up: Out of every 1,000 people in America 9 die



every year—but in Uptown 18 people out of 1,000 die each year. That means our death rate is **TWICE** the national average, and most Uptown deaths could have been prevented.

2. With these glaring facts in mind, you might think that Uptown is a medical desert—without doctors or hospitals. But this report shows that the reverse is true. Uptown is loaded with doctors and medical facilities. In fact, only a few wealthy communities have the resources we do. That's because they don't need them, since they take up most of the space at ours!

Uptown had 59 doctors in private practice last year. That works out on paper to 1.2 doc-

tors per 1,000 community residents, the same level as the city as a whole. The catch is that only a few of these noble healers bother with Welfare patients, and most charge fees so high that even working people here in Uptown can't afford them.

Last year 43% of the people in Uptown never saw a doctor. About 25% said they didn't see a doctor even when they were sick and needed one. Why? Well, over half of those who didn't go said that it was because they couldn't afford it. Uptown has doctors, but they have damn little interest in whether we live or die. And most of the few "Welfare" doctors are third-rate quacks.

Uptown has plenty of hospital beds. In the community itself we have well over twice the number of beds per resident as the rest of the city. And if you count the many nearby hospitals around Uptown, we have more hospital facilities around us than we could ever use. But the majority of these hospitals are filled with patients from the suburbs or other areas.

Not one hospital in Uptown regularly gives more than 20% of its beds to Uptown patients, and Weiss is the only one with a clinic even halfway worthy of the name. Yet they are quick to ship poor patients off to Cook County. In fact, 10% of all emergency room care gotten by Uptown people had to be obtained miles away across the city at Cook County.

We are like someone dying of thirst surrounded by water. We are surrounded by a private, profit-hungry medical system that refuses to give us the care we and our families need. We don't need more hospitals, we don't need more buildings. We need and must demand some control over the health facilities that already exist.

The City is trying to keep its steam seeing this by all their publicity about building a new "Model Cities" clinic. Just as they have so far hidden this report from us, just as their only answer to a community whose kidney disease death rate is two and a half times the city-wide average is to harass and threaten the Young Patriots Community Health Service, the only health facility in Uptown that has a complete kidney disease detection and treatment program. Getting good health care isn't as simple as looking for a doctor—it means fighting for us to have political power over our lives!



# The People Speak



# TRIBUTE TO PIONEERS

Recently the Young Patriots Community Health Service received two \$50 contributions, in the memory of Dr. Lawrence Jacques and Dr. Moses Sahnud. These two doctors were pioneers in People's Health in Chicago.

Dr. Moses Sahnud practiced in Illinois for over 50 years. He and his wife set up free health care during the great coal miners' strikes in Southern Illinois, saving the lives of many children. Dr. Sahnud was a leader in preventive medicine. He was one of the first doctors in the Midwest to in-

sist that tuberculosis was an "economic" disease, caused by poverty. Instead of shipping patients off to sanitariums in Denver or Arizona, Dr. Sahnud argued that patients could be treated successfully in their own communities, particularly if low wages, slum housing, and poor diets were wiped out.

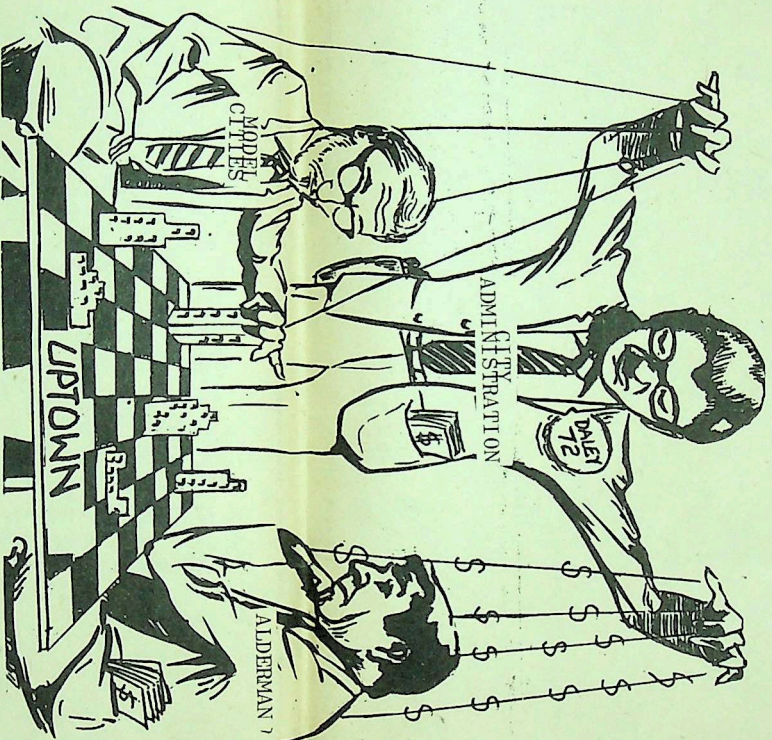
Dr. Sahnud was the first to prepare pasteurized milk in Chicago. When the milk industry refused to spend the money needed to kill bacteria in milk, Dr. Sahnud prepared and gave out pasteurized milk to immigrant families on the North Side.

by Eli Marcum

Model Cities, now in its second year, was set up for the benefit of the low-income families of Chicago and funded by Federal Money placed in the hands of Mayor Daley and Erwin France to use to that end. It was supposed to provide better income and better housing for the low-income people.

So far the Appalachian people have never had a representative on the Uptown Council. That in itself constitutes gross discrimination. The jobs that have been provided have all gone to police aides or to middle-income office workers. The Mayor's Office and the Uptown Council have had plenty of time and money to do something about the sordid shape Uptown is in, but it has never dawned on either the Mayor or the Council that it is not the people who make the slums. It's the one who takes money and doesn't put any of it back into the property.

So far the DUR and the DHR—in co-operation with Model Cities—have sold out the Clifton-Racine area to the College Board. Instead of doing something to relieve our suffering, it has been trying hard to get us out of Uptown. And add other burdens on us. Model Cities has exploited us to gain public money and has discrim-



inate against us in every way. But our time will come.

It's about time the dirty politicians and those who think themselves the upper class, the slum lords (land owners), and the pimp ward alderman all should count their blessings. The Appalachian whites, the blacks, the Indians, and the Spanish people are all getting together with a better understanding. I for one would like to see an Uptown-wide rent

strike and see the slum lords have to repair buildings at their own cost. That would be a start.

And to get our own representative on the Model Cities Council to see that we get what we have coming. Miles Danouser, of course, is the Mayor's water dog to see we don't get on the Council.

It is also a fact that we do have some people in Washington who are interested in our

Dr. Lawrence Jacques, who died this spring at the age of 72, was an assistant professor at the University of Illinois. He worked as a strike doctor during the 1937 strike to organize a union at Republic Steel. On Memorial Day, 1937, when the Chicago police shot down dozens of strikers and their families during a peaceful march, Dr. Jacques treated many of the victims. He later testified before the coroner's jury, producing evidence that most of the murdered men and women were shot by police in the back, as they were trying to flee the sudden massacre.

We accept these contributions with thanks. They will be used to provide free health care for poor and working people—carrying on the work of these two men. And just as they labored to help people organize themselves, so we too fight to bring power to the people, regardless of what obstacles the City may throw in our path.

welfare. And we have a friend who is director of the OEO. And the Justice Department has not been tied down.

My next article will tell the public the truth about the day care centers run by Model Cities.

## AVISO PARA NUESTROS HERMANOS DE HABLA HISPANA

Los Miembros de "THE YOUNG PATRIOTS" sabemos que el Espanol es la lengua de mucha gente residente en UPTOWN. Nosotros estamos tratando de traducir los articulos de nuestro periodico al Espanol para que este periodico sea de ustedes tambien.

La mayoría de articulos en este periodico estan escritos en Ingles y Espanol. Nos gustaria que todos los articulos sean traducidos al Espanol pero para lograr esto necesitamos su ayuda.

Si usted desea ayudarnos comuniquese por favor con RICARDO TELLEZ .



# METHADONE DANGER

In the last several months, large quantities of methadone have been readily available on the streets for as little as \$3 for a 40-milligram pill. These pills are large and orange-brown, with grooves in them making it possible to divide each pill into quarters.

Methadone is a narcotic. It works much the same way as heroin and morphine, except that the effects last for up to 24 hours. A 40-milligram pill, given to someone with a good-sized junk habit, will keep that person from being junk-sick. The same pill, given to someone who doesn't have a heroin habit, can make that person seriously ill, or even be fatal.

Methadone is an extremely powerful, dangerous drug. Ex-heroin users who are being maintained on regular doses of methadone are routinely cautioned not to leave their medication lying around where non-addicted adults or children can accidentally swallow it. Children are particularly susceptible, since the pills resemble candy. Cases of young children finding and swallowing methadone pills and being brought into hospitals unconscious are being reported throughout the country in cities where there

are big methadone programs.

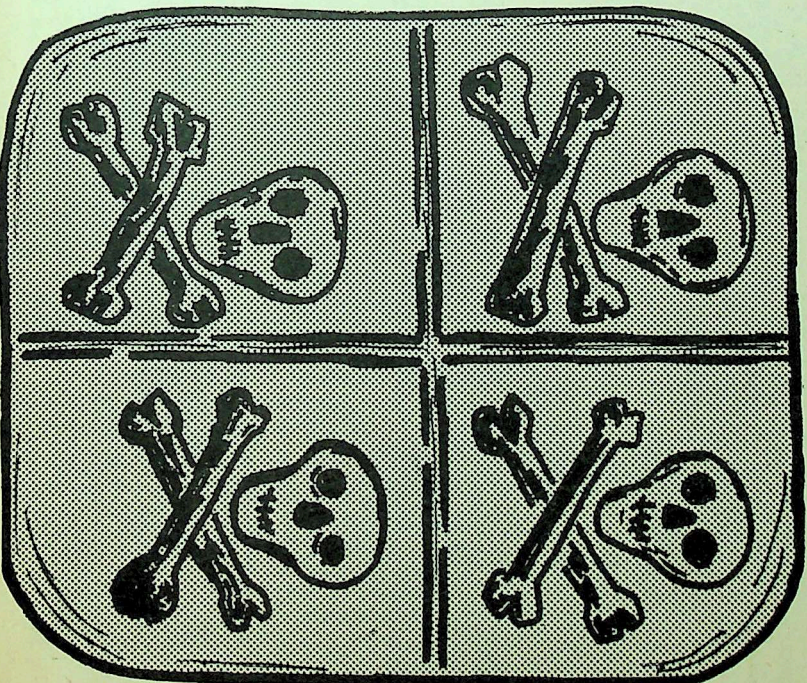
Methadone, if used properly, is a very valuable tool in the battle against heroin addiction. If used improperly, however, it can only add more problems to the already overwhelming number associated with drug abuse. A young woman on the North Side died recently from an overdose of methadone. She was not a member of any drug program. She bought her methadone on the streets.

There is a myth going round the streets that methadone is non-addictive and is a groovy, new, safe way to get high. This is totally untrue. It is as addictive and as dangerous as heroin.

An interesting question is where all the methadone on the streets is coming from. While it is used extensively in the clinics of the Illinois State Drug Abuse Program, those clinics are tightly controlled and regulated, and any shortages from their supplies would be discovered and reported at once. And the only other large-scale source of methadone in the city would have to be a doctor or doctors dispensing large doses without adequate controls to large numbers of people.

If there are any such doctors in your community, they should be stopped. Anyone who has a heroin habit should be able to receive treatment almost immediately on request, however methadone must be prevented

from appearing on the streets as a new, addictive drug killer. Methadone is not harmless. Let's keep it off the streets and in the clinics.



I AM USED BY THE WEALTHY TO KEEP PEOPLE DIVIDED, POWERLESS, AND FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES WHILE MY MASTERS GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS.



We didn't have an all-out race riot this summer in Uptown, but we had everything up to it. The fights at Stockton School, the cases of people being beaten up at night around Leland, and all the rest. There are two things we've got to learn from this:

The first is that many of us have had enough of poor and working people taking all our anger and bad feelings out on each other. No matter what your language or skin color, we're oppressed by the same enemies. It's the politicians, the business interests, and the slumlords who keep us down, and not each other. If someone doesn't have the guts to fight the real enemies, he should knock off picking on people who are just as bad off as he is.

The other thing we've got to remember is that the cops aren't going to take care of our problems for us. If we want a safe neighborhood for our children, we have to do it ourselves.

Take what happened at the corner of Windsor and Sheridan Road. For weeks a few punks, egged on by the dude who worked as building manager, were pulling sneak assaults on lone black or Latin kids who came by. The cops would come

time after time, but refuse to do anything. They made a big show of talking to the punks and then driving away, which is just the same as saying "Go on boy!"

A few of the cops were decent guys, but they had orders not to stop the race fighting. One evening a crowd of 30 white residents on the street got together and demanded that the cops stop the racist violence on our street. All they did was order us to "leave the area"! We told them that we couldn't, since we live here.

Since the cops refused to act a few nights later some unknown parties firebombed the building where the punks were hanging out. Though it looked much more like a warning than a serious attempt to burn the place out, it was still a damn dangerous thing, as innocent families and children might have died. Because the men and women in the building didn't stop these punks from starting trouble, everyone—especially the children—was endangered. We must build the unity to "serve and protect" our own community, since no one else will. Particularly the cops.



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# The Sunday Booster

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## '...a hearing held only because it was supposed to be held...'

By CHERYL DEBES  
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THE PEOPLE WENT downtown to participate in the democratic process, they thought. What they observed was a so-called Democratic process, complete with violence.

It was a City Council health committee public hearing. It was about Mayor Daley's proposed ordinance providing for strict regulation of free health clinics by the Board of Health.

IT WAS HELD, Aid. Anna Langford (15th) said, only because "The hearing is supposed to be held. It has nothing to do with the results."

At 10 a.m., about a hundred doctors, medical students, representatives of community and health organizations, and free health clinic patients sat in the hearing room.

About 20 of them would testify against the ordinance before the day was over. Many of them would submit written testimony, none of which was even glanced at by most committee members before the vote was taken. A few of them would be physically ejected from the room and / or beaten.

The testimony began. The people described the ordinance as politically motivated, class-biased, open-ended in the power it gave the Board of Health, old-fashioned and completely out of keeping with the contemporary health needs of Chicago.

Committee Chairman Aid. Claude Holman (4th) yawned, smacked his lips, rocked back and forth in his chair and scratched his head.

A WITNESS' NAME was called and he asked if he could switch places with a staff doctor at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital so the doctor could get back to his patients.

Holman refused, saying that the doctor would have to testify later, in the correct alphabetical order. The doctor retorted, "This is indicative of the callousness towards the health needs of the people of Chicago demonstrated by your committee."

"I will not allow this hearing to be disrupted," shouted Holman, and he ordered the doctor thrown out of the room.

DR. QUENTIN YOUNG, national chairman of the Medical Committee for Human Rights and physician for 23 years, testified, "We are in the throes of crisis. There has been a literal stripping away of all health services in the inner city. There has been a total failure to meet the health needs of the poor."

He looked up and saw practically the entire committee engaged in conversation among themselves. "I will continue my testimony when I have the attention of the committee."

Chairman Holman ceased his raspy whispering. "The witness is dismissed," he said.

Dr. Young continued, describing a case of harassment of a free health clinic by the Board of Health.

Holman interrupted his whispering again to caution, "Confine yourself to the subject matter," and called a "cooling off" recess.

THE HEARING RECONVENED in a room too small to seat all the observers.

A witness said, "Putting the Board of Health in charge of inspecting free health clinics is like putting arsonists in charge of the fire department."

Representatives of groups and organizations—the North River Commission Medical Health center, the North Side Cooperative Ministry, Hull House, the Uptown Model Cities council, the Planned Parenthood association, the Chicago Health Research group, the Medical Committee for Human Rights, the Citizens Health organization—all opposed the ordinance.

Dr. Alfred Klingler was called to testify. Someone from the audience yelled, "He's the doctor you threw out!"

"And I'll throw him out again," Holman yelled back.

KIT KAMATSU, of the Young Patriots' Community Health Service, was the next witness called. She talked about the need for free health clinics in Uptown. "Most of the doctors in Uptown are drug pushers," she said, and started describing gruesome conditions and incidents at the Board of Health-operated clinic at 4141 N. Clarendon.

"Your testimony is not germane," interrupted Holman.

"It's germane to the people who have to go there," she screamed.

"I will not have this hearing disrupted. This witness is through," he said, motioning to the policemen at the back of the room.

"This witness is not through," she said, and grabbed the arms of the witness chair.

A MAN FROM the audience stood up and said, "I'm an attorney and I represent Mrs. Kamatsu."

"The witness has no right to legal representation while testifying here," said Holman. (An assistant corporation counsel was present during most of the hearing on behalf of the Board of Health.)

She was hauled from the room. Her husband and a University of Illinois medical student were beaten when they tried to stop the police. People from the audience screamed, "She just got out of the hospital," and at Holman, "You're the essence of Chicago democracy."

MOST OF THE REMAINING witnesses didn't testify. "We've learned our lesson," one said bitterly.

Aid. Langford left the room to talk to the people. "I've been going through this since '64. First in Mississippi and now in the City Council," she told them.

When she returned, the committee was voting. A half-dozen amendments to the ordinance were introduced alternately by minority aldermen Dick Simpson (44th) and Mrs. Langford. They were all either tabled or voted down by a vote of 7-2.

After introducing one amendment, Simpson was asked by Holman, "Would you speak to the amendment?"

"Briefly," replied Simpson, "as the result is obvious."

AT ANOTHER POINT, Aid. William Singer (43rd), who is not on the committee, asked to be heard as a matter of consideration.

"We're in the process of voting," said Holman. "We're not in the process of voting, we're in the process of rubber stamping," corrected Aid. Langford.

The vote was taken for the approval of the ordinance. Invisible strings were pulled. The same seven 'eyes' and two 'no's'.

Simpson shook his head, "The public was here but not heard."

The committee dismissed, chairman Holman walked downstairs to talk to Aid. Thomas Keane, who was sitting in the public housing sites hearings.

You could almost hear him say, "I did real good."



“... la reunion que se llevo a cabo

porque debiera reunion.”

# The Sunday Booster

La gente fue al Centro para participar en un proceso que ellos creyeron era democrático.

Lo que observaron fue un llamado proceso democrático lleno de violencia. Fue el Comité del Concilio de Salubridad de la Ciudad en reunion pública. Se discutía la ordenanza del Alcalde Daley en el proceso estricta regulacion en la administracion de servicios de salud gratuitos por la junta de salud de la ciudad.

La concejal Anna Langford dijo: “La reunion tiene que llevarse a cabo y no importa cual sean los resultados.”

Acerca de las 10 a.m., 100 estudiantes de medicina representantes de organizaciones de la comunidad y pacientes de la clinica gratuita entraron al recinto en el cual se estaba llevando a cabo la reunion.

Veinte de ellos testificaron en contra de las ordenanzas antes del atardecer, y muchos, de ellos presentaron testimonios por escrito, a los cuales el comité no les dio ni siquiera una ojeada antes de empezar a tomar los votos. Algunos de ellos fueron físicamente arrojados del recinto y aun golpeados.

El testimonio empezó. La gente describió la ordenanza como una maniobra política, con prejuicio de clases y completamente anticuadas sin ponerse a la par con las ideas contemporáneas de acuerdo a las necesidades de salubridad de Chicago.

El presidente del Comité Claude Holman bostezo, cerró su boca, empezó a mecerse en su silla y a rasarse la cabeza.

Llamaron el nombre de uno de los testigos y este preguntó, si podía cambiar de lugar con uno de los doctores del hospital Presbiteriano “San Lucas” para que el doctor pudiera regresar al hospital para atender a sus pacientes.

Holman rehusó diciendo que el doctor tendría que testificar mas tarde en orden correcto alfabético. El doctor dijo: “Esta es una indicación del sentimiento empedernido hacia las necesidades de salud de las gentes de Chicago; el cual esta demostrado por su comité.

No permitiré que los testi-

monios sean interrumpidos, gritó Holman, y ordeno que echaran al doctor fuera del recinto.

El Doctor Quentin Young, presidente Nacional del comité médico por los derechos humanos, quien ha ejercido la medicina por 23 años, testificó: “Estamos al borde de una crisis.” Ha habido un completo abandono de los servicios de salubridad para la ciudad. Ha habido un completo fracaso en proveer servicios de salubridad para el pobre.

El miro hacia el Comité y vio que todos estaban envueltos en un dialogo entre ellos y dijo: “Continuare con mi testimonio cuando haya obtenido la atención de los del Comité.”

El Presidente Holman dejó el susurro y dijo: “El testigo se puede retirar.” El Doctor Young continuó describiendo un caso de persecución hacia la clinica gratuita por la Junta de Salud de Chicago.

Holman interrumpió su susurro y exigió que se sejetara únicamente a la materia llamando a un receso para apaciguar los temperamentos.

La reunion fue llamada a orden otra vez, en un cuarto muy pequeño, de tal manera que no cupieran los expectadores.

Un testigo dijo: “Poner a cargo de un incendiario del cuerpo de bomberos.”

Representantes de grupos de las organizaciones del Centro Médico North River, Uptown Model Cities Council, Planned Parenthood Association, Hull House, Medical Committee for Human Rights, Citizens Health Organization, Chicago Health Research Group: todos se opusieron a estas ordenanzas.

El Doctor Alfred Klingner fue llamado para testificar, alguien del auditorio gritó “El fue el doctor que sacaron.” y Holman gritó “Entonces yo lo echare otra vez.”

Kit Kamatsu, uno de los miembros de los servicios de salud de los “Young Patriots”, la próxima en testificar: Ella hablo a cerca de las necesidades de la clinica gratuita en Uptown. “La mayoría de los doctores en Uptown son traficantes de drogas y empezó a



For Daley for '72  
claude holman

displays his  
loyalty

grito: “Es valido para la gente que asiste a esa clinica.”

“No permitiré que esta reunion se interrumpa”, “Este testigo esta fuera de Orden” e hizo una señal a la policia quienes estaban en otra parte del recinto. “Este testigo ha terminado, y se aferro a la silla.” Un hombre de la audi-

encia se levanto y dijo: “Yo soy un abogado, representante de la senora Kamatsu.” “El testigo no tiene derecho a testificacion legal mientras este testificando,” contesto Holman. A ella la sacaron de la reunion; su esposo y un estudiante de medicina de la Universidad de Illinois fueron golpeados, cuando trataron de detener a la policia. La gente del auditorio gritó que ella acababa de salir del hospital y a Holman le gritaron Usted es la esencia de la democracia en Chicago.

La mayoría de los testigos restantes no testificaron, hemos aprendido nuestra leccion, dijo uno de ellos amargamente.

El Concejal Langford abandono el recinto para hablarle a la gente. Yo he experimentado esto desde 1964: primero en Mississippi y ahora en el concilio de la Ciudad les dijo ella. Cuando ella regreso el comité estaba votando.

Una media docena de reformas a ordenanzas fueron introducidas alternativamente por el concejal de la minoria, Dick Simpson y la senora Langford.

Todas estas fueron aplazadas o rechazadas por una votacion de 7-2.

Despues de que una de estas reformas fueron introducidas Holman le pidió a Simpson que hablara sobre la reforma.

Brevemente Simpson contesto, El resultado es obvio. En esta otra oportunidad el concejal William Singer que no esta en el comité pidió que por consideracion se le escuchara. Holman dijo: “Estamos en el proceso de votar.” No estamos en el proceso de votar. Estamos en el proceso de aprobar y poner sellos.

El voto se tomo para aprobar la ordenanza cuerdas invisibles fueron tiradas, lod mod mod dirr “sies” y los dos “Noos”.

Simpson meneo la cabeza, “El publico estuvo aquí pero no lo oyeron.”

El comité el termino, El Presidente Holman comino escaleras abajo para hablarle al conejero Thomas Keane, quien estaba sentado en el sitio del pobleo. Easi podía oírte deein “Yo hice muy bien.”







# Departamento Viola sus Propios Reglamentos

Como fue mencionado en el articulo "Las Clinicas de salud gratiz vs. el Departamento de Salud", el Doctor Johns, medico voluntario en el centro de salud gratiz E. Betances (Young Lords) y ex-empleado del Departamento, escribio una carta a este periodico revelando las malas condiciones de las clinicas del departamento de salud. La carta esta publicada por completo juntamente con las actas de una reunion del Consejo Administrativo del Estacion #15 de La Board of Health.

Respetuosamente informamos que el Departamento de Salud no es la agencia correcta para regular a las clinicas de salud gratiz de acuerdo a la nueva ordenanza. Muchas de las clinicas del mismo departamento no conforman con los reglamentos que suponen imponer sobre otros. A algunos de ellos les faltan sistemas de agua; por ejemplo, la estacion #9 (prenatal) donde el gynecologo no puede siquiera lavar sus manos entre dos exámenes vaginales para V.D. Adjunto a esta carta hay una copia de la primera reunion del consejo administrativo de la estacion 15 que revela condiciones cronicas que no es posible que existan en una metropolis americana del siglo XX.

Un equipo de doctores de cualquier fuente, que ayude a las clinicas de salud gratiz operar adecuadamente, seria bien acogida. Sin embargo, los empleados del Departamento de Salud y los inspectores municipales, de acuerdo a la ordenanza actual deben ser condenados como totalmente incapacitados.

Qualquier posibilidad que exista para poder revisar e inspeccionar los archivos sin el permiso especial del paciente es logica e historicamente inaceptable, violacion de tanto las tradiciones medicas como de los derechos constitucionales del individuo para tener privacidad.

La privacidad medica no es menos sagrado porque el paciente es pobre y no paga. Sin embargo las ordenanzas propuestas abren los archivos a la mirada del gobierno municipal sin mencion de permiso ni de ordenes legales. El acto de que las ordenanzas propuestas claramente se dirigen a las clinicas gratiz solamente, y no a otros establecimientos medicos, indica propósitos opuestos al interes de ayudar a las clinicas o proteger al paciente. La Clausula que otorga al Departamento la libertad de arbitrarmente requerir los que ellos juzgan ser necesario queda muy sospechoso.

El Departamento de Salud deberia usar sus energias para barrer su propia casa. Los que hacen leyes y definen propósitos deberian ayudar a las clinicas frtiz en sus intentos para las necesidades de la gente que sirve.

(Firmado) Jack Johns, M.D.

El Doctor Jack Johns fue despedido de su puesto en el Departamento de Salud el dia 10 de junio de 1971 por haber escrito esta carta. Habia ocupado aquel puesto por el tiempo 1 1/2 años.

El Senor Edward King, subcomisionado de salud, informo al Doctor Johns que se le despedia por ser desleal. Es decir que fue desleal por haber criticado la hipocrecia del Departamento y al discriminacion en contra de los pacientes de las clinicas de salud gratiz.

Sin embargo, el registro de personal contiene una declaracion que su supervisor pidio su despido. Esto implica que al Dr. Johns se lo encontro incompetente como medico. Esto es falso porque King dijo que fue por ser desleal.

Uno puede tambien observar en este caso como la prensa de Chicago se hace la burla la "Prensa Libre".

En el dia de su expulsion, el Dr. Johns fue entrevistado por varios reporteros, entre ellos representantes del Daily News y el Sun-Times. No obstante el entusiasmo de los reporteros si relato nunca aparecio en ninguno de los periodicos de Chicago ni en otros sectores de la prensa. Solamente el Chicago Seed uso el relato. Porque la prensa de Chicago no quiere, o es que no puede publicar estas noticias??

## ACTAS DEL CONSEJO ADMINISTRATIVO DE LA ESTACION 15.

La Reunion Mensual del Consejo Administrativo de la Estacion 15 se llevo a cabo el 14 de mayo de 1971 a hrs. 3:00 p.m. Todas las enfermeras, auxiliares, archiveros, Mrs. Babbs, Drs. Werskman, Bismonte, Patel estuvieron presentes. El dentista, Dr. Kosak, estuvo presente momentaneamente.

Las ideas generales de como mejorar los servicios medicos al publico fueron discutidos informalmente.

(1) Las provisiones de drogas estan completas hasta la fecha, pero se necesita hacer frecuentes inventorios y pedidos para mantener bien abastecido a la clinica.

(2) Las enfermeras visitantes pidieron ayuda de la oficina central para que sus quejas acerca del edificio puedan ser atendidos mas convenientemente. Varias violaciones de las ordenanzas que rigen a edificios publicos han sido informados sin respuesta alguna.

(3) Las auxiliares pidieron mejores servicios de limpieza que actualmente parecen faltar completamente.

El Consejo en general mostro desagrado tener que trabajar en una clinica con los pisos, los banos, las paredes, la cocina etc., tan sucias.

Se hicieron los siguientes pedidos:

1.) Mas telefonos, pues los pacientes indican que no podian alcanzar al hospital, y tuvieron que ingresar sin cita exacta.

2.) Mejorar el servicio de recoger la basura traz de la clinica -- el campo de estacionamiento esta siempre cubierto de suciedad, botellas rotas y basura traído por el viento.

3.) Fuente de agua potable para los niños.

4.) Mejorar el cuarto de baño de los pacientes.

5.) Limpieza y encerado del piso por lo menos mensualmente.

6.) Reparacion de las paredes donde se va quitando la pintura y donde existen gotelas.

ESTE MISMO DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD PRETENDE QUERER INSPECCIONAR Y CONTROLAR A LAS CLINICAS DE SERVIR AL PUEBLO!



# BLACK GENOCIDE

## SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

It is well known among poor people and black people that if they get any medical care at all it is usually second-class medical care. It can be shown that for most diseases, the number of poor people who suffer from them far exceeds the number of wealthier people—and that the treatment poor people eventually get, if any, is inferior. But nowhere is the fact that the Medical System in

ia. Estimates suggest that from 8% to 12% of all black people in the US have sickle-cell trait—and that in 1967 there were 1,555 NEW cases of sickle-cell anemia. Sickle-cell anemia is a very painful disease which first strikes in early childhood and leads to death, usually before the age of 30.

To draw attention to this disease and to help fill this void in medical care, the Black Panther Party, with the aid of

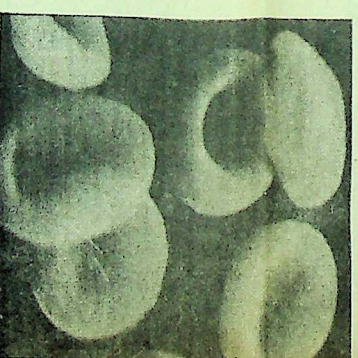
zation, realizing that there is a large percentage of sickle-cell trait among Puerto Rican people, has begun to introduce screening in the Dr. E. Betances Health Center. The Englewood Free Health Center and the Fritzi Englestein Free People's Health Center also are developing screening programs which should begin in the near future.

Also, the Medical Establishment in

the fact that only with screening is any education meaningful and useful to people.

Despite these tactics of the racist Medical System and its doctors, the people will continue to demand more information on sickle-cell anemia and more resources for treatment and screening. The Black Panther Party and Lois Webb insist that every black child must be screened and that affected children must be given adequate medical care—and they cannot be stopped.

Sickle-cell screening represents one area in which the people are beginning to demand that medical schools, hospitals, doctors, and nurses start to become responsible to the people they supposedly serve. This pattern will be repeated again and again until people gain full control over their own health needs.



Normal red blood cells

this society ignores the needs of poor people more apparent than in the case of sickle-cell anemia. Because sickle-cell anemia affects only black people, it is almost uniformly and completely neglected.

Sickle-cell anemia is a disease of the blood in which the shape of red blood cells changes from the round, doughnut shape of normal cells to the sickle or quarter-moon shape of sickle cells. In this shape the sickle cell does not carry any oxygen. This disease is hereditary; children inherit it from their fathers and mothers through genes.

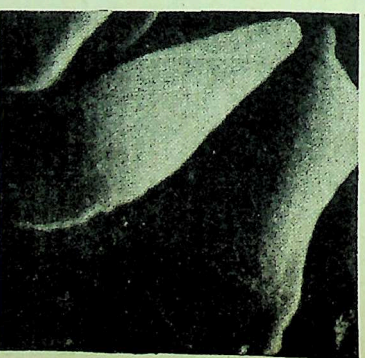
Every child born gets one gene from his father and one from his mother. If the child gets a sickle-cell gene from both his father and his mother, he or she will have sickle-cell anemia. If the child gets such a gene from only one parent, then that child is said to have sickle-cell trait, and can, if he or she marries someone who also has sickle-cell trait, have children with sickle-cell anem-

Lois Webb, began this spring a new program for sickle-cell screening in the public schools. Since the program started, the Black Panthers, with help from medical students and lab technicians from Spurgeon "Jake" Winters People's Free Medical Center, have screened five schools in regular session in Chicago and five schools in summer session in Maywood, or 3,032 school children plus 144 parents and pre-school children who came in especially for the screening. Of those screened, 234 have been found to have sickle-cell trait.

The success of the program, however, can be measured in more than numerical terms. First, the Black Panther Party has initiated this program of black survival not only in Chicago but also in other cities across the nation. Also, other groups interested in their people's health are learning how to conduct screening and developing programs of their own. The Young Lords organi-

general have been confronted with their racism and classism in a devastating way. The people are now in a position to demand that screening be supported, that sickle-cell research be extended, and that people with sickle-cell anemia or trait be given appropriate medical care. In response to these demands, the Medical Elite have responded in a predictable and token manner. Some say (even some who are humanitarian but have not yet come to understand their own racism) that research, for instance, on the effects of sickle-cell trait (about which little is known and which could in some cases be as dangerous as the disease itself) is not necessary, blatantly ignoring the right of people to determine their own medical priorities.

Others try to subvert the initiative of the people, arguing that sickle-cell screening is important only after mass education of the people on the nature of the sickle cell, ignoring



Red blood cells in sickle crisis

If anyone is interested in participating in or starting sickle-cell screening or would like to learn about sickle-cell anemia and train for screening, please contact:

Lois Webb, 149 South 11th Avenue, Maywood  
or  
Spurgeon "Jake" Winters Peoples Free Medical Center, 3850 West 16th Street, Chicago (762-9111).

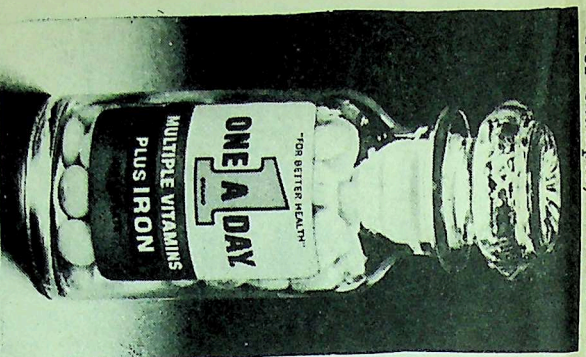


# \$TRETCH YOUR MEDICAL DOLLARS COMO AHORRAR DINERO EN MEDICO

## HEADACHE FOR FUN AND PROFIT

Most of us buy standard drug items such as aspirin and vitamins without giving it much thought. But did you know that you may be spending as much as TEN TIMES MORE than is necessary?

All aspirin and drugs available at regular stores are marked "USP", meaning they are prepared according to the standard cookbook for drugs (the United States Pharmacopoeia). This means that all aspirin and all ingredients in vitamins must, by law, have the same formula, and thus be EXACTLY the same REGARDLESS of brand name.



For example, last week at a

neighborhood supermarket you have bought an aspirin for as little as .3¢ per pill or for as much as 2¢ per pill. Same formula, chemicals, and dosage and maybe even made in the same factory, but with a 700% difference in price.

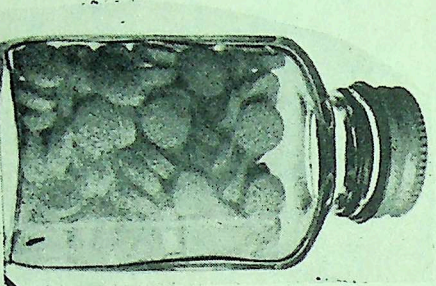
The low price is for "Kare" brand, the unadvertised "store brand" carried by Del Farm and National stores. (Each supermarket chain and drug-store chain will have a special name for its own brand.) The higher price is for an aspirin from a small (24 tablets) bottle of "Bayer" brand, EXACTLY the same pill as the "Kare" aspirin, but 700% more expensive thanks to fancy packaging, advertising, and profit making by the drug companies.

Take a look at these prices:  
Kare Aspirin, 300 tablets, 79¢  
Bayer Aspirin, 300 tablets, \$2.61

Kare Children's Chewable Vitamins with iron, 100 tablets, 80¢  
Pals Children's Chewable Vitamins with iron, 100 tablets, \$3.79

Flintstones Children's Chewable Vitamins with iron, 100 tablets, \$3.79

Check it out! A Flintstones or Pals vitamin costs almost 4¢. A Kare vitamin with the same ingredients and even the same flavors costs .8¢. Here again, Flintstones and Pals jack up the price nearly 500% for packaging, advertising, and profit making. (Actually "store



brands" like Kare make their profit too! The actual cost for making 100 vitamin pills is probably less than 20¢!

Many kids should get daily vitamins, and most kids enjoy taking them. A large family of five children may well be tricked into spending 20¢ per day on vitamins, when they could be spending only 4¢ or less.

In America today, our families' health spells BIG BUSINESS. The health-related industries are reaping vast fortunes from our health needs. They make more money than any other industry. WE DEMAND AN END TO PROFIT MEDICINE! HEALTH CARE IS A RIGHT, not a privilege to be had or not had according to a flip of a coin.

### MEDICINAS

Muchos de nosotros compramos medicinas, como aspirinas y vitaminas sin darle mucha importancia; pero sabe usted que posiblemente diez veces mas de lo necesario?

Toda aspirina o droga disponible en tiendas y supermercados, estan marcados con las letras "USP". Esto significa que estan preparados de acuerdo a las normas de la Farmacologia. "United States Pharmacologia". Quiere decir que toda aspirina, toda ingrediente o vitamina deben por ley tener la misma formula; siendo exactamente igual sin importar nombre o marca. Por ejemplo: La semana pasada en un supermercado del vecindario pudo haber comprado una aspirina por un precio tan bajo de 3¢ por pastilla, o por un precio tan alto como de \$2 por pastilla. Siendo la misma formula con los mismos productos quimicos, la misma dosis y aun hecho por el mismo Laboratorio Quimico, pero con un 700% de diferencia en el precio.

El precio mas bajo es para el de la marca "Kare", un producto el cual las tiendas no le hacen propaganda, y son vendidos Supermercados del Farm y Nacional.

Cada cadena de supermercado y droguerias tendra especial nombre para sus propios productos.

El precio mas alto es para el de la marca "Bayer" exact-

amente el mismo producto, que el de la marca "Kare", pero con la diferencia que "Bayer" es el 700% mas caro que "Kare" gracias a su empaque y propaganda.

Observe los siguientes precios "Todos del mismo Supermercado":

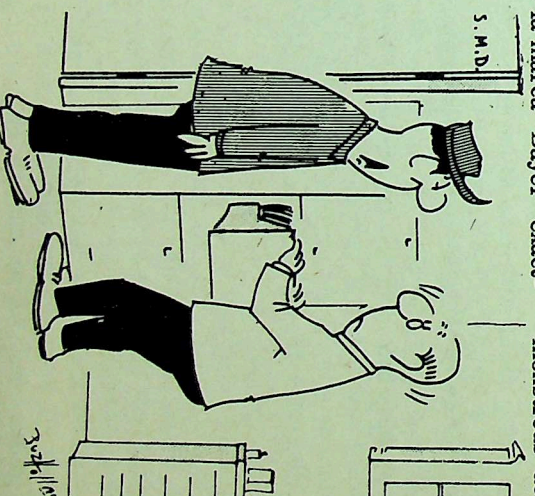
Aspirina "Kare", 300 tablets, 79¢  
Aspirina "Bayer", 300 tablets, \$2.61

Vitaminas "Kare" con hierro para niños, 100 tabletas, 80¢  
Vitaminas "Pals" con hierro para niños, 100 tabletas, \$3.79  
Vitaminas "Flintstones" con hierro para niños, 100 tabletas, \$3.79

Tenga en cuenta que vitaminas de marca "Flintstones" y "Pals" eleva sus precios alrededor de 500% por empaque, propaganda y ganancia, "Nose preocupe" el costo actual para la Compania por hacer 100 tabletas de vitaminas es probablemente menos de 20¢.

Muchos niños necesitan vitaminas diarias y la mayoría de ellos disfrutan tomándolas. Una familia de 4 o 5 miembros esta gastando 20¢ diarios en vitaminas cuando pudiera estar gastando solo 4¢ o menos.

Hoy en America, la salud de nuestras familias significa grandes ganancias. La Industria que se relaciona con la salud hace mas ganancias que cualquier otra Industria. Procuramos proteger nuestra salud y luchemos contra los monstruos de la ganancia.



"Sorry, Doc, I can't pay you. I slowed down like you told me—and lost my job."



# WHERE WERE AT

12 Chicago today, Sunday, November 8, 1970

## New Uptown

# protest levels Cops nab 45 blast at clinic in health-center hassle Friday



BY DICK CHEVINGTON

ABOUT 150 persons carried placards and chanted "Down With Brown" (Chicago Health Commissioner Dr. Murray Brown) as they picketed a temporary Board of Health clinic at 4141 N. Clarendon Av. in Uptown yesterday afternoon.

on bond after being arrested Friday evening after a sit-in at the clinic to dramatize charges of poor health care in Uptown.

The protesters, members of the Young Patriots Community Health Service, Poor People's Coalition and Chicago Indian Village, were attempting to keep the clinic open during the weekend by staffing it with their own group of volunteers.

in from of the patients leading to the which is in the old U.S. Health Service building near the lakefront.

POLICE ARRESTED 45 people late Friday, including several Chicago doctors and medical students, when a group refused to leave a public health service hospital at 4141 N. Clarendon.

Twenty-one men and 24 women were charged with criminal trespass after they refused to leave on orders from Dr. Jack Zackler, assistant health commissioner.

Support was gathered for the protest by the Young Patriots when the group tried to force the clinic to remain open through the weekend until 5 p.m. Monday.

# LET THE PEOPLE RUN IT

The YOUNG PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION is an expanding group of men and women who are committed to changing the conditions of their lives by the use of revolutionary socialism.

By socialism we mean the building of a society where the natural resources, industrial products, and services would be owned, operated, and controlled by the people themselves, as opposed to the present system with its private ownership and control by the few. Every citizen would have a voice in the daily decisions that determine what gets produced and how it gets distributed.

We need to take things apart! And we don't mean just a reshuffling of bosses at the top; we mean a reshuffling that would place the power to run this country and the world in the hands of the working class, where it rightfully belongs.

Through their ownership of the economy and control of government, the upper class run America their own way. They own the factories and control our union leadership, while we do all the work. They own the Army and use it to protect themselves here and abroad, while we do all the killing and the dying. They own the Government and make money off it, while we pay the taxes. They "inflate" the economy, while we pay the rising prices. They "deflate" the economy, while we suffer the unemployment. We don't need these parasites!

The capitalist class that owns our country has never governed in the interest of the working class. Every single program they have ever had has produced profits for them and crumbs for us. Whenever we have seen this and fought them, their control of society has weakened and we have achieved small gains. But we've always stopped fighting too soon, and these gains have been swallowed up again.

Nor have the wealthy and their politicians ever governed well. Under their rule America sinks into ever greater chaos and violence. And in the richest society humanity has ever seen, such basic human needs as food, shelter, transportation, medical care, and safety cannot be met.

There's no doubt that this is true, for everywhere you look poor and working people are being messed around and exploited. In the supermarkets they take our money and we get overpriced, fancied-up junk with very little nutritional value. We pay back-breaking rents and get rats, roaches, and cracked plaster. We buy things and they fall apart almost before we get them home.

We send our children to school, and they are called "trash" and are made to feel stupid. We get robbed when we ride the busses and "L" trains to our jobs, where we get used and robbed again. We dream our dreams, and our dreams turn to ashes.

And when we get too old to work, we're made to be a burden on our children or get shoved into old folks' homes to wait for death. Every day people die from nothing more than lack of food, medicine, or shelter, because those who own this country have said it will be this way.

Not only are we cheated out of our fair share of the goods we produce, but our human qualities are distorted by the economic system of capitalism. Black and white, sister and brother, man and woman are turned against each other and forced to compete for survival.

Marriage becomes a meal ticket and a place where men and women take out their frustrations and their feelings of powerlessness on each other as well as on their children. Neighbors fight each other for decent housing. Different groups compete for jobs and living space. Our heads get turned around, and we cannot see the real enemy. When we revolt against the crushing of our humanity, capitalism locks us up or shoots us down.



Their jails, mental hospitals, courts, and streets are filled with the millions who, in one way or another, have fought back, while those of us who have somehow escaped disaster still feel great frustration with our lives.

We believe that only the working class can end the many problems and crises caused by capitalism. Because of the skills and talents we have gained in the different fields of labor, we are the only class of people capable of not only bringing this society to a halt, but also making it run again in a new and better way.

It's working-class people alone who have the talents and skills to really run this country and the world right. We make the products, drive the trucks, build the houses, and provide all the necessary services that make social living possible. And in the very act of labor itself we have learned that co-operation and democracy are the most efficient way to do things. Our bosses and their bosses are no longer needed. WE HAVE THE SKILLS, AND NOW WE MUST ACQUIRE THE POWER!

IT'S TIME TO FIGHT FOR WHAT IS OURS! We want much more than just a few bucks to scrape by on. We want a world without war or hunger. We want a world where no one has to exploit anyone to live. We want what is ours by Right! But we know we can't get these things without ending capitalism and its government. Working people cannot come to power by trying to influence or reform politicians or their parties.

History has shown us time and again that the paths of reform only lead us further and further into the swamps of confusion and powerlessness. Such a world as we desire is possible only if workers understand that its construction is up to us, and only if we use our unity and power to abolish the means by which the capitalist class forces its will upon us.



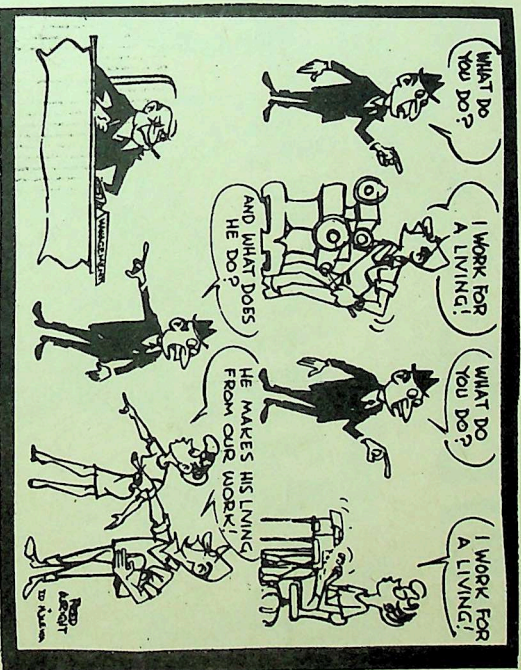
To abolish the power of the upper class we cannot depend on leaders. We must join together and build organizations. Organizations that will fight for and represent our needs and desires. So that when the bosses or their agents come to mess with us, they will have to mess with all of us. Organizations that demand better housing, better working conditions, places for the young to gather, to change the schools and their destructive effect on our children, to end the wars, to end racism and other prejudices.

To become strong these organizations must all hold in common the understanding that the problems of one are the problems of all, and that these are class problems. Poor and working people all over this country and the world must come together as a class and fight for those things which they would have.

We workers must see that it is in our interests to join forces with workers in other countries, because their goals and needs are much the same as ours. We cannot struggle for our needs alone; we must struggle for the needs of our class.

While it is workers who will change this planet into a better world, we cannot do it without a party—a political organization. To free ourselves we need a revolutionary party.

A party that will struggle not just for material gains alone, but for real changes in the way people relate to and deal with one another. For there is no guarantee that just because we may change the way things are produced and



distributed, we will end all injustice. Making these changes will only create the opportunity for building a more human and democratic way of life.

And unlike the old parties, this party will represent the working class—the total working class—because it will struggle not simply to gain security for a few, but to gain freedom for us all.

We believe that the struggle against capitalism is also a struggle against racism and other forms of prejudice which must be an ongoing concern of any socialist organization right from the start.

Because we know that there can be no freedom until we are free as a class, we view other groups struggling for these changes as our allies.

THE ABOVE IS A STATEMENT OF GENERAL BELIEFS OF THE YOUNG PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION. The Young Patriots are publishing this statement because we want others to know and understand what we are doing and why.

There may come a time—as has happened in the past with other socialist groups—when the enemy will say to people: "Did you know that they want to overthrow the present system of government? Are you aware that there is every sort of 'communist' among them?"

In that situation it is our goal for people to be able to comfortably answer: "Yes, we know what they believe!"

## QUOTES

"THE GOLDEN AGE OF HUMANITY IS NOT BEHIND US, IT IS TO COME, AND WILL BE FOUND IN THE PERFECTION OF THE SOCIAL ORDER. OUR FATHERS HAVE NOT SEEN IT; OUR CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY BEHOLD IT. IT IS OUR DUTY TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THEM."

Saint Simon

"IT IS NOT THE FUNCTION OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO KEEP THE CITIZENS FROM FALLING INTO ERROR; IT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE CITIZENS TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FROM FALLING INTO ERROR."

Justice R. H. Jackson



# ORDINANCE

## 118 :

### MEDICAL

### DICTATORSHIP



The permanent health crisis in Chicago has just entered a new and deeper stage. Mayor Daley and his City Government have passed a new law (called "Ordinance on Dispensaries"), Although specifically aimed at destroying the community-run free health centers of the People's Health Movement—the Young Patriots in Uptown, the Young Lords in Lincoln Park, the Black Panthers in the South and West Side ghettos, and the like—this new law threatens health organizations and agencies throughout the city. It also legalizes government invasion of the traditional confidential patient-doctor relationship and is a direct violation of our rights. It is important for everyone to be well informed about this.

#### Ordinance on Dispensaries

Mayor Daley has underlined the importance he attaches to this bill by submitting it in his own name to the City Council. First submitted December 4th, 1970, it is formally Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. This is what the new bill would do :

All medical, mental health, drug abuse, and alcoholism organizations in Chicago would be required to get a "license"

to operate from the Chicago Board of Health. Government agencies of all types, hospitals (which are licensed under a separate law), pharmacies, branch clinics, or other facilities operated by any hospital, and private doctors' offices are exempt from the law.

In general, then, this law regulates only those community-run or otherwise independent health organizations which have always refused to support the Daley Machine. Mayor Daley's appointed Commissioner of Health, Murray Brown, admits that the main purpose of the bill is to close down the free People's Health Centers, which have embarrassed the City by showing the real difference between the needs of poor communities and the City health program. Worse than that to the Daley Machine, they have proven that the poor and working people can create and run their own institutions, with superior results.

The scope of the new law is larger than that, however. The neighborhood drug and alcohol abuse centers that have proven to be effective in dealing with such problems specifically because they refuse to turn over names or otherwise funnel information to the police, are also to be covered by the law.

Mayor Daley and the City are giving themselves the legal power to build a virtual health dictatorship. Not to protect the public, but to maintain their political control over the city. Their desire for total power may seem incredible, but it is a real fact of life in Chicago. Even an organization as "respectable" as the Salvation Army has been harassed by the City. At their drug-abuse center on North Avenue, members have been shadowed by the police, patients have been arrested, and one police lieutenant even told the Salvation Army outright that they would be driven out of business—all because they refused to act as informers for the police. This is no idle threat, since previous drug-abuse centers in that area were driven out.

In Uptown the powers this law potentially gives the Daley Machine are enormous. The Young Patriots Community Health Service, the Emerald City Drug-Abuse Center, the ADAPT program at the American Indian Center, and many other organizations would apparently not be able to operate without a "license" from the Chicago Board of Health.

Detailed Look at Ordinance

Mayor Daley's new law has two main features. First of all Section 118-6 states that each patient's records "shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Health or its duly authorized representatives". This violates the confidential patient-doctor relationship and right of every person to privacy. Moreover, the law is clearly discriminatory against poor and working people. Those who can afford and find a good private physician (no easy task in many areas) are guaranteed the confidential relationship to their doctor. Neither this law nor any other law enacted or proposed by the City threatens the rights of these people. But poor and working people who often must go to community-run or private health organizations are stripped of this right. For the reasons already stated, enforcement of this law would destroy the neighborhood drug-abuse programs, which have been the most effective way of dealing with this tremendous problem.

This legalized invasion of privacy may today be used only against a handful of community run health groups, and tomorrow only against a few more independent-minded agencies, but in the long run it is another step in the trend that threatens all persons who value their freedom and independence.

Health Commissioner Brown promises us that "the contents of records would remain private", and that the information on people they gather would never be used for any political purpose. But can anyone really believe the promises of the Daley Machine? Can anyone guarantee that confidential information gathered by one City agency today will not be in the hands of a precinct captain, a police detective, or City Hall tomorrow?

The second key part of the law is Section 118-9(b), which states: "The Board of Health may adopt and enforce Rules and Regulations relating to the operation and conduct of the dispensaries as it shall deem necessary. Dispensaries shall comply with Rules and Regulations set forth by the Board of Health."

This section gives total and undefined powers over all of these health organizations to the Board of Health. There are no limits, no guidelines, no provisions for public or even private hearings, no rights of appeal, nothing. We say that the purpose of this section is to give the City power to pass regulations at will to coerce and destroy any health group opposing the Daley Machine.

This whole law is not any kind of health law, but rather a political law to maintain the power of the City in a time of growing criticism and demands on health needs.



# YOUNG PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION

"FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BELONGS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ONE"

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# HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE

Kidney disease is a sneaky killer. It can slowly grow for years without much pain or other symptoms. It often starts as a simple bladder or urinary infection. If you're lucky, this causes enough discomfort to make you see a doctor. But in many cases—especially with young children—there's little if any discomfort, and the victims don't even know they have it. There are around 3,300,000 Americans who have these infections and don't even know it. If the infection goes on long enough the kidney itself is damaged, and the patient often dies.

All this is easy to cure with antibiotics if caught early. But the US Public Health Service reported in 1967 that every year about 4,125 people die needlessly—all because the medical system refuses to hold mass routine kidney testing for women and children. And most people don't even know about the need to have these tests for them and their children.

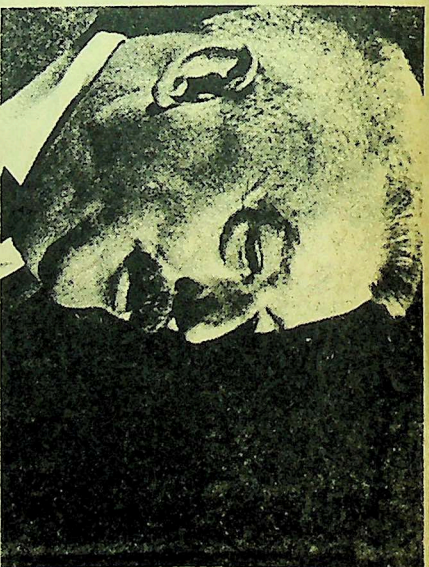
Kidney tests for pregnant women are very important. In 1967 Doctor Edward Kass of the Harvard Medical School did a study of 6,000 pregnant women. Of those who had urinary infections and never got treatment: (1) 26% were afflicted with kidney disease. (2) There were twice as many premature births as normal.

(3) The infant death rate for these mothers was twice the normal rate.

Because this testing is so important for us, the so-called Chicago Board of Health was asked to carry out these tests for the people of Uptown. The Board refused. So now we are doing it ourselves. Since last January, the Young Patriots Community Health Service—in co-operation with kidney specialist Doctor Gordon Lang—has been conducting a mass screening (much of it from door to door), for infections, kidney disease, and diabetes. Furthermore, this service has been routinely available for all of our Health Service patients.

Medical science has learned to cure many diseases, but too often this knowledge is never used to help us. The Federal Government will throw away forty billion dollars every year in Southeast Asia, but says that kidney screening programs are too expensive for everyone to have. The so-called Board of Health can afford to hire hundreds of Mayor Daley's patronage workers and turn back millions of dollars in unspent surplus to the City, but refuses to give the people of Uptown the complete modern health care that we all need.

## NOT WANTED



DR. MURRAY C. BROWN, Commissioner of Health. He has been proven guilty of robbing the people of their health rights, letting infants die from his neglect, and other crimes against the people. HE AND HIS KIND ARE NOT WANTED IN UPTOWN!

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Uptown Community has no newspaper that represents the opinions of or speaks in the name of the poor and working people. We of the staff of The Firing Line intend for it to do just that!

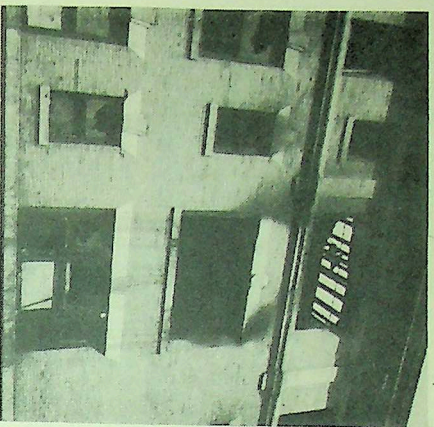
This paper will be written by and for poor and working-class people. It will be a place for them to express their opinions, and it will also be a place to read about the programs and ideas of the Young Patriots Organization. There will also be articles about what our brothers and sisters are doing to fight for their rights in our community, in other communities, and across the entire country.

The policy of this paper will be to present opinions, ideas, and information that will enable the poor and working people to defend themselves against anything or anybody that attempts to rob them of their human and constitutional rights.

The Firing Line makes no pretense about whose side we're on. We're on the side of poor and working-class people who have no way of making their grievances known. The Firing Line will do just that!



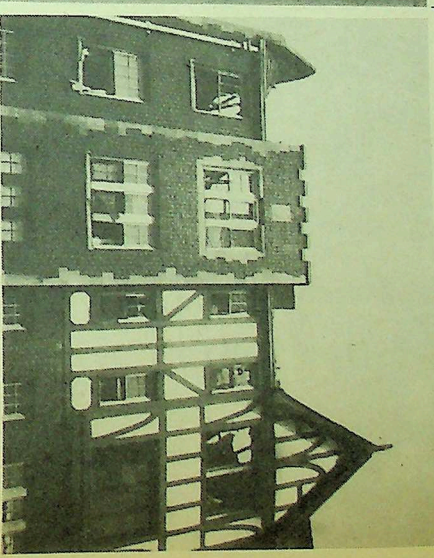
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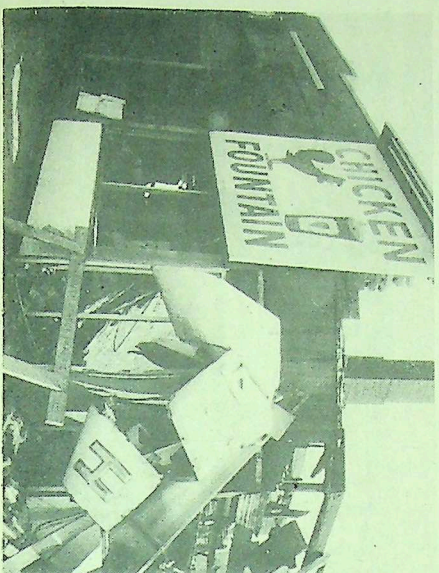


IF UPTOWN IS MAYOR DALEY'S "MODEL", WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO TO THE REST OF THE CITY?

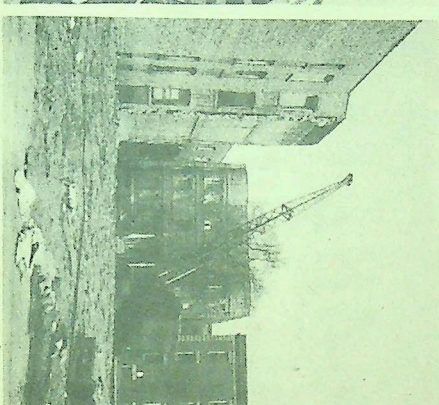


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WILSON&RACINE



AT 4440 N. CLIFTON THE LANDLORD PAID \$50 TO BURN IT DOWN!



4502 N. RACINE



The Young Patriots are more and more concerned about the increase in the number of fires in the Uptown Community. We feel that these fires are part of the City's plan to drive low-income people from this area. It has become more and more clear that the City is using Model Cities and Urban Renewal money to restore the "lost beauty" of Uptown by eliminating housing that poor people can afford, and thereby forcing us all out of our community. If landlords and/or City Hall think they can burn down our homes for insurance and sell the land to the City, they should know the people of Uptown will not stand for this.

If these fires that bring death and pain to our community are to be stopped, we must form defense groups in the buildings where we live. These groups would patrol and protect our families and friends from the fires.

Lest we be misunderstood, we don't want people to have to live in the filthy holes that now exist. We want our tax money to be used instead to build new low-cost housing right here in Uptown now — TODAY!!! Hell can then have these rat holes; but while we still have to live in them we must protect them and ourselves!

# MAY DAY PARTY

★ Jug Band ★ Speeches  
 ★ Films ★ Refreshments  
 Come celebrate Chicago's holiday for working people!  
 Bring the whole family!

45520 N. BEAUGON  
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 SAT. MAY 1ST  
 YPO Young Patriots Organization

# FIRING LINE

I come from the South  
 I followed the route  
 to Chicago, a big old town  
 But I found me hard luck  
 Couldn't get me a buck  
 All I got was the run around

Chorus:

Keep on the firin' line  
 Keep on the firin' line

If we're gonna get  
 what the poor ain't got yet  
 Gotta keep on the firin' line

Chorus:

Now we're gonna romp  
 And we're gonna stomp  
 And we're gonna have us a time  
 What the poor ain't got yet  
 Gonna keep on the firin' line

Now listen you'all  
 We're in the same stall  
 Get less while the rich get more  
 If we organize can change  
 all our lives  
 Bring a new day to rich and poor



# WORKERS DIE — BOSSES GET RICH

The Government is always giving us advice on how to watch our health. Schools, churches, and clinics pass out all kinds of information on heart disease, smoking, cancer, alcoholism, bad driving, and whathaveyou. But nobody wants to talk about industrial murder on the job. That's what it is — murder. And any of us may be victims some day.

Every year 15,000 workers die in work accidents, 8,500 are permanently disabled, and 2,000,000 are injured. The Government doesn't even have the guts to guess how many millions of workers have their lives shortened by poor work conditions, which can cause everything from cancer to heart disease. Many of us know that "black lung" — the crippling disease that leaves coal miners permanently short of breath — is caused by high amounts of coal dust in the air. But few have ever heard of "white lung" — a lung disease caused by cotton lint in the air in the textile mills. Painting, welding, metal finishing, and dozens of other jobs also cause lung problems. Science knows how to make all of these jobs safe, but corporations won't spend the money to protect our health!

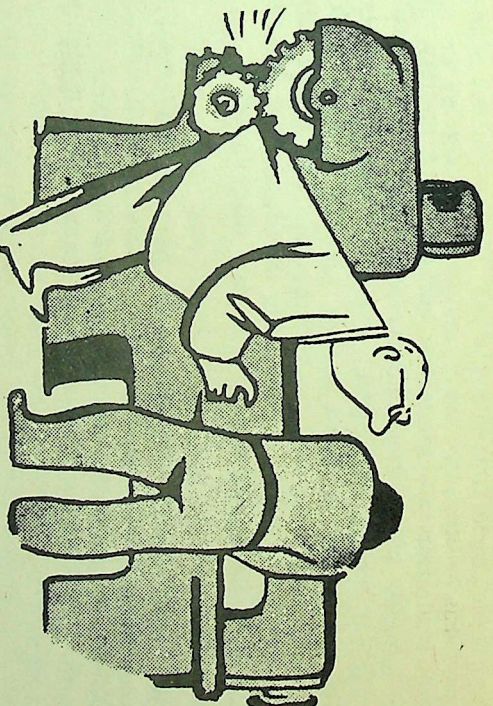
On TV we get hit with those "public service" ads, warning us how smoking causes cancer. Has anyone seen a commercial exposing the fact that industrial chemicals in many factories cause cancer? Less-serious disabilities are so common



that we all just say "That's life!" — like partial deafness from the ear-splitting roar of the assembly line, which isn't "serious" until you get hit by that lift truck you didn't hear coming up behind you.

In the average plant you find machinery that is dangerously worn out, air that is polluted with chemical or metal vapors, oil and waste on the floors, unsanitary toilets, and every other kind of health hazard. In many accidents employees are called "careless", but their

mistakes are really caused by exhaustion. That's why so many accidents happen on third shift — when moonlighting workers are trying to make ends meet. (Low wages cause accidents.) And look at all the women who take care of kids all day and then have to hit the night shift at some crummy factory!



**You see how well our safety system works!**

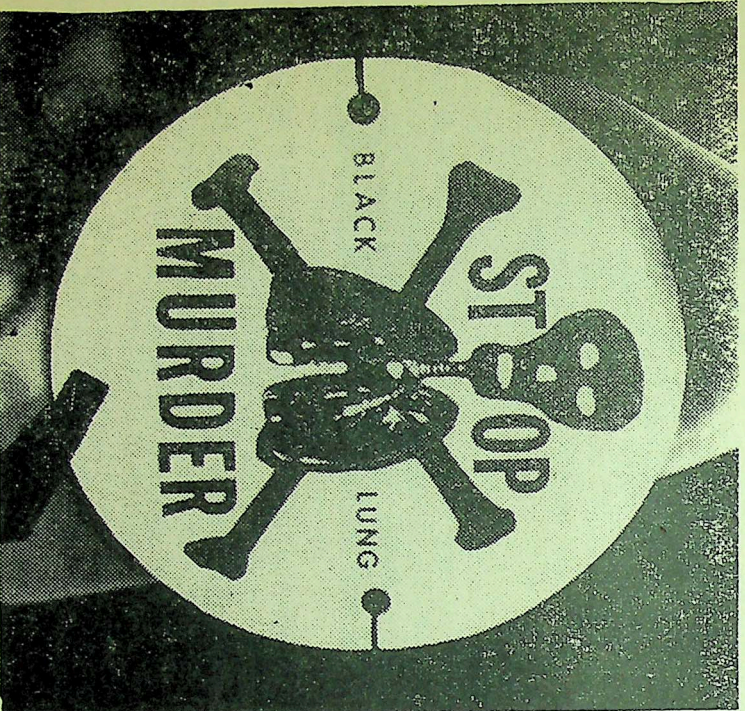
We can do something about this, even when the company and the union (if there is one) don't give a damn. In many shops workers have organized themselves and FORCED the management to make needed improvements. At Chrysler's Eldon Avenue plant in Detroit there was a big fight last spring. Men were being injured because Chrysler refused to repair the lift trucks. Finally a young black worker — just returned home from Vietnam — was crushed when his truck brakes failed. The whole third shift went on strike for a day, scaring Chrysler into fixing all the lift trucks. Sometimes it takes a lot of muscle to get

something simple done!

The same fight has been going on from California to New York. Last fall the US Coast Guard was shocked to spot huge rolls of paper bobbing down the Chicago River into Lake Michigan. It turned out that the Chicago Sun-Times had installed new automated equipment, allowing them to cut off workers. The fact that this new Frankenstein machinery was unsafe didn't bother the bosses any. So the workers had a quiet protest — They just started rolling the paper out the door, down the dock, and splash! One man got caught at it and was fired, but when most of the second shift stayed home the next day, the Sun-Times took the hint and rehired him. And they quickly fixed the machinery! There are dozens of other stories just like this in Chicago. The fight to bring some workers' power into the plants is a matter of life and death.

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We of the Young Patriots give whatever help we can to those fighting this industrial murder. At the very least, when you or someone you know is hurt at work, DON'T TRUST THE "INDUSTRIAL CLINIC" OR THE COMPANY DOCTOR. Their only interest is to get you back to work fast without costing the company anything. They are paid by and work for the company — not the patient. And many of these so-called "industrial doctors" are really quacks — old alcoholics and butchers. WHAT YOU NEED IS A MEDICAL SERVICE THAT IS ON YOUR SIDE AND WILL GIVE YOU GOOD CARE AND THE FULL FACTS ABOUT YOUR INJURY. Both medical and legal service for industrial injuries is available free of charge at the Young Patriots Community Health Service. So let's make the companies live up to their responsibilities! WE MUST PUT AN END TO THIS INDUSTRIAL MURDER!



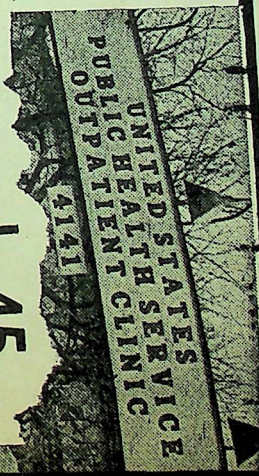
The New York Times (by George Tamms)  
This was the symbol of the coal miners' fight for Federal compensation for victims of the "black lung" disease.



# WHERE WERE AT

12 Chicago today, Sunday, November 8, 1970

## New Uptown protest levels Cops nab 45 blast at clinic in health-center hassle Friday



BY DICK CHEYERSON

**ABOUT 150 persons carried placards and chanted "Down with Brown" [Chicago Health Commissioner Dr. Murray Brown] as they picketed a temporary Board of Health clinic at 4141 N. Clarendon Av. in Uptown yesterday afternoon.**

**Among the pickets were most of the persons free**

**on bond after being arrested Friday evening after a sit-in at the clinic to dramatize charges of poor health care in Uptown.**

**The protesters, members of the Young Patriots Community Health Service, Poor People's Coalition and Chicago Indian Village, were attempting to keep the clinic open during the weekend by staffing it with their own group of volunteers.**

**In front of the picketers leading to the which is in the old U.S. Health Service building near the lakefront.**

**Twenty policemen were look picketers' snarled g as se "Off for a The**



**rouled protesters' demonstrators Young Patriots when the group tried to force the fa- ally to remain open through the weekend until 11:30 a.m. Monday.**

**POLICE ARRESTED 45 people late Friday, including several Chicago doctors and medical students, when a group refused to leave a public health service hospital at 4141 N. Clarendon.**

**Twenty-one men and 24 women were charged with criminal trespass after they refused to leave on orders from Dr. Jack Zackler, assistant health commissioner.**

The YOUNG PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION is an expanding group of men and women who are committed to changing the conditions of their lives by the use of revolutionary socialism.

By socialism we mean the building of a society where the natural resources, industrial products, and services would be owned, operated, and controlled by the people themselves, as opposed to the present system with its private ownership and control by the few. Every citizen would have a voice in the daily decisions that determine what gets produced and how it gets distributed.

We need to take things apart! And we don't mean just a reshuffling of bosses at the top; we mean a reshuffling that would place the power to run this country and the world in the hands of the working class, where it rightfully belongs.

Through their ownership of the economy and control of government, the upper class run America their own way. They own the factories and control our union leadership, while we do all the work. They own the Army and use it to protect themselves here and abroad, while we do all the killing and the dying. They own the Government and make money off it, while we pay the taxes. They "inflate" the economy, while we pay the rising prices. They "deflate" the economy, while we suffer the unemployment. We don't need these parasites!

The capitalist class that owns our country has never governed in the interest of the working class. Every single program they have ever had has produced profits for them and crumbs for us. Whenever we have seen this and fought them, their control of society has weakened and we have achieved small gains. But we've always stopped fighting too soon, and these gains have been swallowed up again.

Nor have the wealthy and their politicians ever governed well. Under their rule America sinks into ever greater chaos and violence. And in the richest society humanity has ever seen, such basic human needs as food, shelter, transportation, medical care, and safety cannot be met.

There's no doubt that this is true, for everywhere you look poor and working people are being messed around and exploited. In the supermarkets they take our money and we get overpriced, fancied-up junk with very little nutritional value. We pay back-breaking rents and get rats, roaches, and cracked plaster. We buy things and they fall apart almost before we get them home.

We send our children to school, and they are called "trash" and are made to feel stupid. We get robbed when we ride the busses and "L" trains to our jobs, where we get used and robbed again. We dream our dreams, and our dreams turn to ashes.

And when we get too old to work, we're made to be a burden on our children or get shoved into old folks' homes to wait for death. Every day people die from nothing more than lack of food, medicine, or shelter, because those who own this country have said it will be this way.

Not only are we cheated out of our fair share of the goods we produce, but our human qualities are distorted by the economic system of capitalism. Black and white, sister and brother, man and woman are turned against each other and forced to compete for survival.

Marriage becomes a meal ticket and a place where men and women take out their frustrations and their feelings of powerlessness on each other as well as on their children. Neighbors fight each other for decent housing. Different groups compete for jobs and living space. Our heads get turned around, and we cannot see the real enemy. When we revolt against the crushing of our humanity, capitalism locks us up or shoots us down.

# LET THE PEOPLE RUN IT



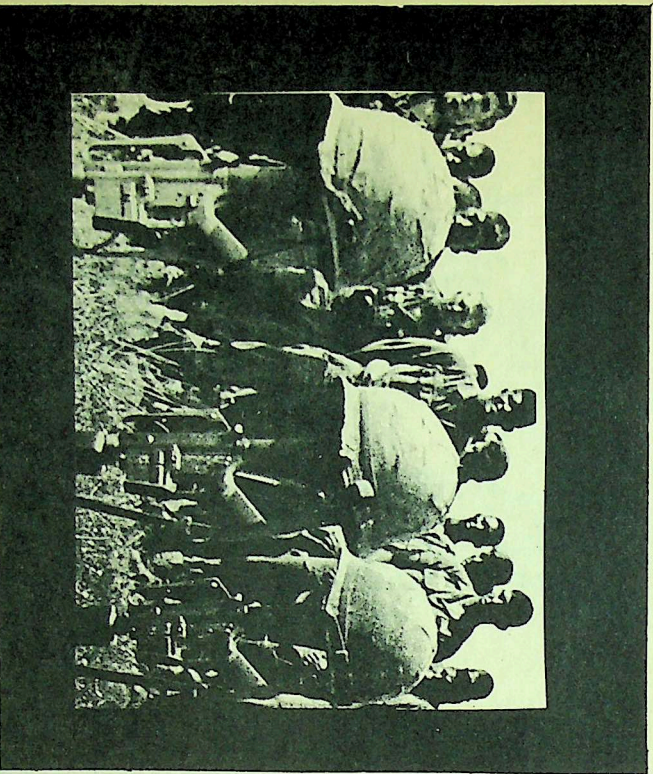
Their jails, mental hospitals, courts, and streets are filled with the millions who, in one way or another, have fought back, while those of us who have somehow escaped disaster still feel great frustration with our lives.

We believe that only the working class can end the many problems and crises caused by capitalism. Because of the skills and talents we have gained in the different fields of labor, we are the only class of people capable of not only bringing this society to a halt, but also making it run again in a new and better way.

It's working-class people alone who have the talents and skills to really run this country and the world right. We make the products, drive the trucks, build the houses, and provide all the necessary services that make social living possible. And in the very act of labor itself we have learned that co-operation and democracy are the most efficient way to do things. Our bosses and their bosses are no longer needed. **WE HAVE THE SKILLS, AND NOW WE MUST ACQUIRE THE POWER!**

**IT'S TIME TO FIGHT FOR WHAT IS OURS!** We want much more than just a few bucks to scrape by on. We want a world without war or hunger. We want a world where no one has to exploit anyone to live. We want what is ours by Right! But we know we can't get these things without ending capitalism and its government. Working people cannot come to power by trying to influence or reform politicians or their parties.

History has shown us time and again that the paths of reform only lead us further and further into the swamps of confusion and powerlessness. Such a world as we desire is possible only if workers understand that its construction is up to us, and only if we use our unity and power to abolish the means by which the capitalist class forces its will upon us.



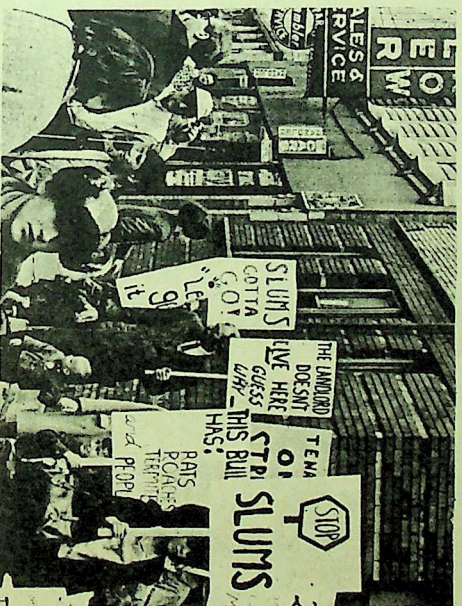
To abolish the power of the upper class we cannot depend on leaders. We must join together and build organizations. Organizations that will fight for and represent our needs and desires. So that when the bosses or their agents come to mess with us, they will have to mess with all of us. Organizations that demand better housing, better working conditions, places for the young to gather, to change the schools and their destructive effect on our children, to end the wars, to end racism and other prejudices.

To become strong these organizations must all hold in common the understanding that the problems of one are the problems of all, and that these are class problems. Poor and working people all over this country and the world must come together as a class and fight for those things which they would have.

We workers must see that it is in our interests to join forces with workers in other countries, because their goals and needs are much the same as ours. We cannot struggle for our needs alone; we must struggle for the needs of our class.

While it is workers who will change this planet into a better world, we cannot do it without a party — a political organization. To free ourselves we need a revolutionary party.

A party that will struggle not just for material gains alone, but for real changes in the way people relate to and deal with one another. For there is no guarantee that just because we may change the way things are produced and



distributed, we will end all injustice. Making these changes will only create the opportunity for building a more human and democratic way of life.

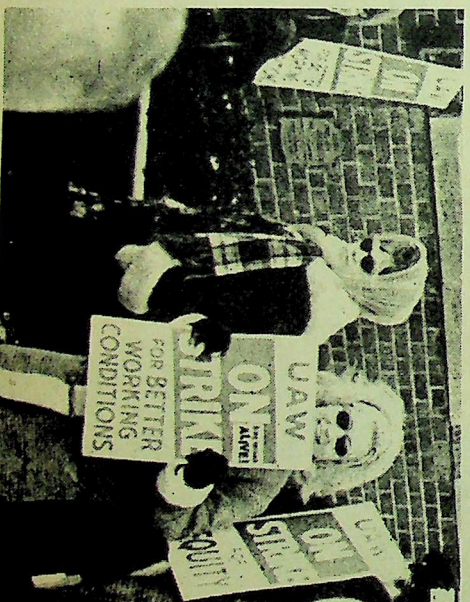
And unlike the old parties, this party will represent the working class — the total working class — because it will struggle not simply to gain security for a few, but to gain freedom for us all.

We believe that the struggle against capitalism is also a struggle against racism and other forms of prejudice which must be an ongoing concern of any socialist organization right from the start.

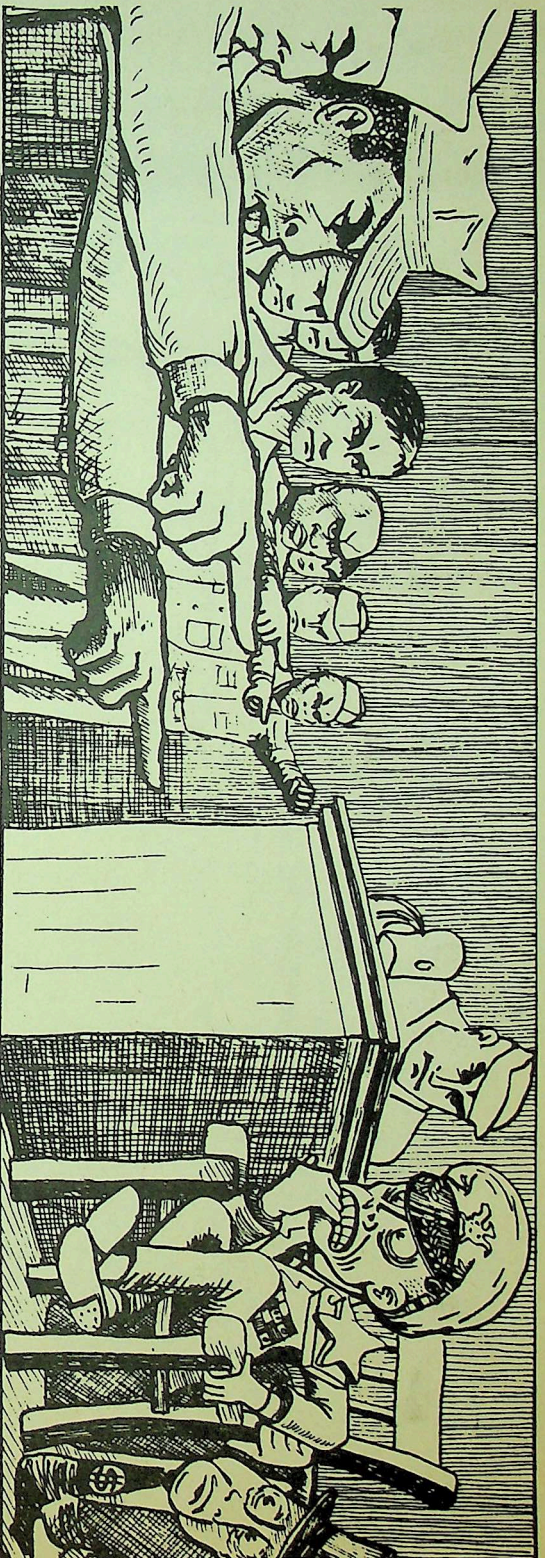
Because we know that there can be no freedom until we are free as a class, we view other groups struggling for these changes as our allies.

**THE ABOVE IS A STATEMENT OF GENERAL BELIEFS OF THE YOUNG PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION.** The Young Patriots are publishing this statement because we want others to know and understand what we are doing and why. There may come a time — as has happened in the past with other socialist groups — when the enemy will say to people: "Did you know that they want to overthrow the present system of government? Are you aware that there is every sort of 'communist' among them?"

In that situation it is our goal for people to be able to comfortably answer: "Yes, we know what they believe!"







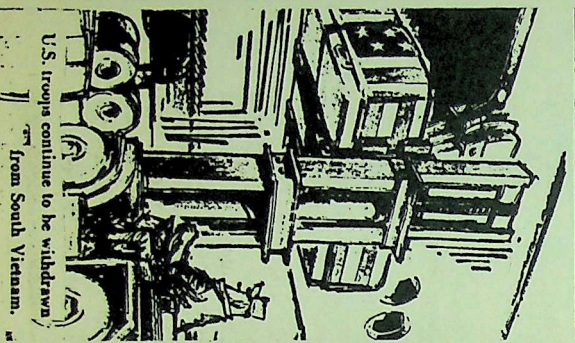
# C.A.M.P. Backs G.I.'S in Trouble

GI - CIVILIAN SUPPORT

"Two platoons of American armored cavalrymen refused orders to advance along the embattled Highway 9 near the Laotian border, and their commanding officer was relieved of duty." (Sun-Times, March 22nd, 1971)

Thousands of our sons, our brothers, and our husbands are being put into combat in Vietnam for no reason except to increase the profits of a few businessmen. Our young men are in Southeast Asia to protect the oil and mineral interests of the rich while the generals order the systematic destruction of the land and people of Southeast Asia.

We have talked to many GIs who have returned from Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, and



U.S. troops continue to be withdrawn from South Vietnam.

they tell us that what the Sun-Times reported on March 22nd is a daily occurrence. Our GIs overseas are refusing to kill women, children, and young men, and GIs here at home also are protesting this most-unpopular criminal war.

Morale in the Military is so low that the Department of Defense has authorized and opened up meeting places on bases where rock music is played, and has even allowed men to grow beards and long hair. But even with measures like these there are about 200,000 men absent without leave (AWOL) as you read this article. Many of these men are here in Uptown. We support our young men and women in the Service and want to bring home all our GIs who are now on foreign soil.

Our group is called the Chicago Area Military Project (CAMP). We provide a "how to get out of the Military" counseling service for GIs on active duty. We also provide counseling for all dependents (mothers, wives, brothers, and so on) to aid these families while their men are in the Service. This aid consists of helping the men to prepare discharge papers, making sure allotments are forthcoming and adequate, and providing health care. A lawyer who works with us recently went to Vietnam to defend a black brother accused of attempting to kill his commanding officer, and we have provided lawyers for men at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and Great Lakes Naval Station.

CAMP also provides other civilian support for our men in the Service by organizing demonstrations, by providing lawyers for courts-martial, and by informing dependents and GIs of their rights.

This May 16th is the annual Armed Forces Day celebration. CAMP, along with hundreds of active-duty GIs at Great Lakes Naval Station and in conjunction with other bases throughout the country and around the world, is in the process of organizing counter-demonstrations by way of protesting the War and the treatment of our men.

GIs not only are exploited by the rich to fight their foreign wars, but also have been used traditionally in the interests of the rich here at home. GIs have been used on "riot" duty and as strike breakers. Some recent examples of the above are as follows:

has bought and continues to buy huge quantities of scab lettuce to break the strike. (The only genuine union lettuce sports a black eagle on the union label.) When Post Office employees struck in New York, the Army was called in to deliver the mail. During the negotiations with the railroad workers, the Government threatened to use military troops to run trains.

We in CAMP support the GIs who protest this exploitation by providing lawyers, raising funds, and printing materials. We in CAMP support all people in the struggle for better housing and health care and decent living standards. In order to support our brothers, husbands, and sons in the Service, we must fight big business and generals.



In April 1968 hundreds of soldiers from Fort Hood were flown to Chicago, and even then 43 GIs refused to come and were court-martialed. Several years ago, paratroopers were sent to Detroit to put down our black and white brothers. At present, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) are striking lettuce growers because of low pay and bad working conditions. The Military, acting in the interest of the lettuce growers,

## for help

For counseling of active-duty GIs and their dependents or for other information, please write to Camp News, 2214 North Halsted, Chicago, Illinois.



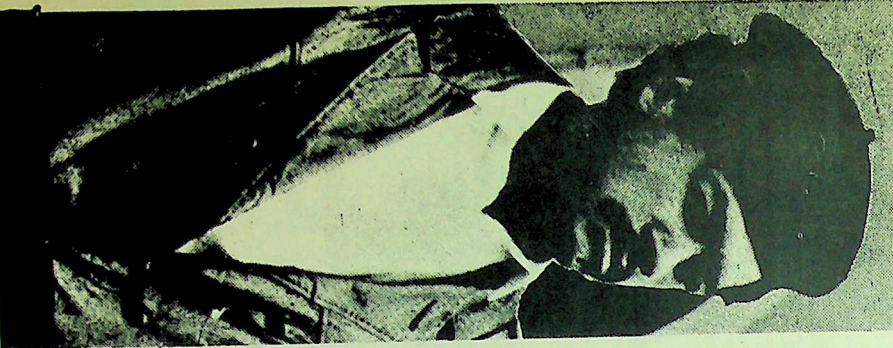
# LET OUR PEOPLE GO!

The Law is supposed to be a set of fair rules to protect us. Really the laws are the rules that the rich set up to protect THEM from US! Just look at the facts! It's illegal to rob a grocery store, but it's legal for every day-labor agency to pay starvation wages. Your landlord has the legal power to make you pay your rent or throw you out onto the street. But have you been able to make him repair your building?

The prisons are for the poor and working people, and the laws are for the rich. Almost all the people in jail are poor. Many of them aren't criminals by anybody's rules. 80% of the prisoners in Cook County Jail aren't guilty of anything other than being poor. They are just awaiting trial—often on petty charges or even frameups—and can't afford bail. Some rot there for many months. These brothers and sisters are also political prisoners in a way. It is the political system that helped destroy their lives and that keeps them prisoners. How many millionaires go to jail?

The prisons hold thousands of our brothers and sisters. Among them are the political prisoners who are locked up to keep them from fighting for our rights. Black Panthers Bobby Seale and Erica Huggins and Communist Angela Davis

BOBBY SEALE



UPTOWN PEOPLE JAILED IN FIGHT FOR HEALTH CARE BY ORDER OF MAYOR DALEY AND THE SO-CALLED BOARD OF HEALTH

are only the best-known of these prisoners. Brother Seale is in prison in Connecticut, held for murder even though the State admits that he was in California when his alleged victim died. Sister Davis is charged with supplying arms for an attempted rescue of black political prisoners. They are really in prison because they are revolutionaries who have exposed the truth that America is run by and for the upper class.

We cannot respect the laws of this society. We ask: What is the robbing of a bank when compared to the founding of a bank? The rich man's robbery is all legal—high interest, low wages, shoddy goods, lying and cheating contracts, unsafe and unsanitary housing at high rents. It may kill us, but it's legal. It's legal for politicians to lie about the Vietnam War, make fancy election promises they'll never keep—and order us to fight and die for nothing in a foreign land.

It is no surprise that many who will fight to overturn this system are killed or jailed. It has nothing to do with either justice or law. Those who run America will do anything to stay on top. It's our job to carry on the hard fight to build a new and decent society. Political prisoners are not criminals; they are just the casualties in our fight. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



POLICE PROTECTION ON WILSON AVE.

## Nixon And That Silent Majority

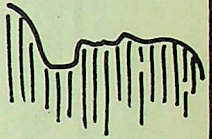
Let us give the people of America a chance, a bigger voice in deciding for themselves those questions that so greatly affect their lives.

—*Nixon in his State of the Union message Jan. 22.* I am certain a Gallup poll would show that the great majority of the people would want to pull out of Vietnam. But a Gallup poll would also show that a great majority of the people would want to pull three or more divisions out of Europe. And it would also show that a great majority of the people would cut our defense budget. Polls are not the answer.

—*Nixon to Sulzberger New York Times March 10.* Neither it seems—for Nixon—is majority rule.



# PATIENT RIGHTS AT ...



Hospitals and clinics always have their own rules and orders. Lot of the time you don't really know what's going on. But it's your health, your life that's at stake! WE BELIEVE THAT ALL PATIENTS HAVE RIGHTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR THEIR HEALTH. At this center these rights are guaranteed to you and your family, and you should know about them. We will help people fight to get their rights every where.

1. EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO GOOD HEALTH CARE. No matter who you are or how little money you have, you have a right to EVERYTHING you need to get well and stay well. That means hospitalization, specialists, medicines, laboratory tests, emergency care and everything else. If you can't walk to the doctor you have a right to transportation---or a home visit, if absolutely necessary. All hospitals should have to provide these necessary services.

2. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND COURTESY. When you are examined it should be in the most straightforward and private way possible. If you feel that you've been treated badly, tell us about it so we can investigate it.

3. Your life is your business. We do not pry into your finances, and everything you tell us is confidential. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL RECORD. Absolutely no one---whether it's an employer, the courts, or the police---can see your medical records here without your permission.

4. Sometimes a sick poor person is pushed, prodded, and questioned over and over by students and young doctors---not to help him, but so they can learn. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO INSIST THAT ONLY THOSE THINGS BE DONE WHICH YOU NEED.

5. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR TREATMENT, AND THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON IT. You have the right to see another doctor if you are not satisfied. Before agreeing to any tests, treatment, or drugs, you should understand:

- A. Exactly how it works, and why it should help you.
  - B. What disadvantages, risks, or possible side effects it might have.
  - C. What other alternatives or choices you have.
- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE YOUR RECORDS (at most hospitals, patients cannot look at their own health records). IF AT ANY TIME THERE'S SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND---OR THAT BOTHERS YOU---STOP A STAFF WORKER AND ASK FOR ANSWERS. WITHOUT BEING WELL INFORMED, YOU CANNOT TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN HEALTH AND YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH.

**Young Patriots  
Community  
Health Service  
4403 N. Sheridan**

# PATIENTE DERECHOS

Los hospitales y clinicas todo el tiempo tienen sus propias reglas. Muchas veces usted no se da cuenta de esto, pero, cuando su salud y su vida estan en peligro o en riesgo! CREEMOS QUE EL PACIENTE TIENE CIERTOS DERECHOS LOS CUALES SON IMPORTANTES PARA PROTEGER SU SALUD. En este centro tales derechos estan garantizados a usted y su familia, y usted debe estar enterado de ambos. Ayudamos y apoyamos a la gente que lucha por sus derechos.

1. TODOS TENEMOS DERECHO A ATENCIONES MEDICAS ADECUADAS. No importa quien sea, tenga o no tenga dinero, la gente tiene derecho a recibir TODA LA ATENCION MEDICA que sea necesaria para aliviarse y mantener su buena salud. Eso quiere decir que quiza usted necesite hospitalizacion, atencion de especialistas, medicinas, exámenes de laboratorio atencion de emergencia, y otras atenciones. Si no puede caminar a la consulta de un doctor tiene derecho a transporte---o a consulta en casa, si es absolutamente necesaria. Todos los hospitales deberian tener este servicio.

2. USTED TIENE EL DERECHO DE SER TRATADA CON RESPETO Y CORTESIA. Debe ser examinada en la manera mas recta y privada que sea posible. Si cree que no fue tratado bien aqui por favor notifiquenos. Asi podemos tratar de remediar la situacion.

3. No tiene que darnos informacion acerca de su vida privada o acerca de lo que usted gana. Y la informacion que nos da es completamente confidencial. SU ARCHIVO MEDICO SE GUARDA EN COMPLETO SECRETO. Absolutamente nadie---ni la firma para la cual usted trabaja, ni la corte, o la policia---pueden revisar su archivo medico sin el permiso de usted.

4. Algunas veces a la persona enferma y pobre la tratan de una manera muy ruda. Le hacen preguntas que no son necesarias y la examenen varios estudiantes y doctores que no lo hacen por la salud de la persona, lo hacen para estudiar y experimentar. USTED TIENE EL DERECHO DE INSISTIR QUE NADA MAS LE DEN EL TRATAMIENTO QUE ES NECESARIO.

5. TIENE DERECHO A SABER QUE CLASE DE TRATAMIENTO LE ESTAN DANDO Y TAMBIEN A DECIDIR SI QUIERE RECIBIR EL TRATAMIENTO O NO. Puede ver a otro doctor si no esta satisfecho. No debe de dar su consentimiento para que le hagan exámenes, tratamientos, o le den medicina sin comprender lo siguiente:

- A. Como va a emplearse y porque necesita tal examen o medicina.
  - B. que desventajas, riesgos, o efectos puede tener.
  - C. Si hay alternativas u otra preferencia en medicina.
- TIENE DERECHO A REVISAR SU ARCHIVO (por lo regular en los hospitales el paciente no puede ver sus propios archivos). SI TIENE ALGUNA DUDA O HAY ALGO QUE NO ENTIENDE PUEDE PREGUNTARLE A UNO DE LOS EMPLEADOS DE EL HOSPITAL. DEBE DE ESTAR BIEN INFORMADO ACERCA DE TODO ESTO PARA QUE PUEDA CUIDAR LA SALUD DE USTED Y SU FAMILIA.

FREE HEALTH CARE  
FOR THE PEOPLE  
OF UPTOWN.....

Hours:  
MONDAY, TUESDAY  
& THURSDAY NITES  
7:30 PM-9:00PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
10:00AM-12 NOON



Nurse on phone: "Yes, the doctor will consider a house call---what time can you be at his house?"