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RHYTHM

The second International Symposium on Rhythm was held at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, December 2-4, 1965. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. The purpose was to bring together the latest findings on periodic continence from the fields of medicine, sociology, psychology, and theology. To this end, distinguished scholars from France and England joined with United States leaders in the field.

Workshops were held for priests and physicians, couples, for nuns, nurses and social workers active in rhythm education. Outstanding was the discussion on Education in Sexuality, The Meaning of Marital Love, Funding Possibilities for Research in Rhythm. Of the three hundred participants, the consensus was that Dr. Max Levin of New York Medical College made a profound impact. For those interested, all of the papers presented will be published by N.C.W.C. as a symposium, in June.

— W.J.E.

CONFERENCE — MEDICAL CARE OF THE FAMILY

The National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds sponsored a Conference on Medical Care of the Family in Chicago last November, concerned with family care, medical help for the aging, and socio-medical problems of youth. The Editors of *LQ* have selected a number of the papers presented for publication in this issue. Titles and speakers are indicated here: *The Medical School Environment in Preparing Physicians for Family Practice*, John S. Hirschboeck, M.D.; *The Physician*, Arthur T. Janecke, M.D.; *Social and Economic Problems of the Aged*, Very Rev. Msgr. Wilbur F. Suedkamp; *Medical Care of the Aged*, Jerome H. Lippert, M.D.; *Social-Medical Problems of Youth: Viewpoint of the Educator*, Sister M. Margarita, O.P., Ph.D. — *Viewpoint of the Sociologist*, Reverend Andrew M. Greeley, S.T.L., M.A., Ph.D., and *Viewpoint of the Juvenile Court Judge*, Hon. Ben J. Sheppard, M.D.

— W.J.E.

YOU NEVER ASKED ME

It is impossible to preserve a lasting and beneficial peace while nations enjoying an abundance of material goods remain indifferent to those whose citizens suffer from internal problems resulting in poverty and therefore inability to enjoy even the more elementary human rights.

These inspirational words of Pope John XXIII prompted two doctors from the Rockville Centre Guild to plan a trip to San Pedro Necta, Guatemala in February 1962. Dr. Marty Gately and Dr. Mal Hetzer worked two weeks at the mission clinic of a lay priest, Father Joseph Rickert, M.M. They had been able to leave their Fordham classmate ('37) in many ways. Dr. Gately had operated the clinic for two weeks and Dr. Hetzer had taught a class of midwives (40) some basic concepts about obstetrics.

More than this, however, had happened. They had made arrangements to buy property adjacent to the clinic for a proposed hospital. Encouraged by a visit from Dr. Joseph Leshock, associated with "Holidays for Humanity," they set out to raise the \$30,000 necessary for the building of the hospital. The proposal of adopting this project was made by Dr. Hetzer to the Rockville Centre Guild and it was heartily approved. Since then, each Spring, a special raffle by the Guild has furnished a thousand dollars for the mission. Other doctors enthusiastically joined the project, notably Dr. Dan Bradley, who visited and worked a month in the mission the following year, and Dr. Karl Behm who went for two weeks in 1964. Both of these men joined in the efforts to raise funds necessary to complete the hospital. The 17-bed hospital complete with modern quarters for doctors is now an accomplished fact. It will be dedicated by the Bishop in March this year. We are anxious for others who may be interested in doing some mission work, short time or long, to contact us and arrange a time.

The forces contending for the soul of Latin America are shaping the future. The Church is struggling to erase ignorance, poverty and disease. Communism is selling hate, discontent and revolution. Latin Americans do not want us to do the job for them. They want us to show them how they can help themselves.

If you have read to this point, please never again say, "You never asked me."

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