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Meetings of the Commission were held in Chicago on August 5 and September 30. The latter had medical representation from Boston, Hartford, Buffalo, New York, Toledo, Columbus, St. Louis, Chicago, Oak Park, Rock Island, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Rapids and Dallas. Others represented Detroit, Peoria and Washington, D. C.

Members and guests of the Commission attend at their own expense. It is hoped that at a future time, appropriate funding will be obtained for the work of the Commission.

The Third International Symposium on Rhythm

The 3rd International Symposium will be held in New Orleans from late Wednesday afternoon, January 18 through Saturday noon, January 21, 1967. The format will follow the successful pattern of the 2nd Symposium with special authoritative discussions on the science and art of rhythm for the practicing physician and additional sessions for ancillary personnel working in rhythm: religious, laity, nurses, social workers and others.

The Status of Rhythm

Many questions are thrashed out at Commission meetings. The inten-

tion is to share these discussions more extensively in future reports.

Of immediate informational interest is the following from a report made to the Commission by two non-Catholic Boston market researchers: 1. Ten to 12 million Catholic and non-Catholic women use rhythm in the United States; 2. Though rhythm is the most popular form of conception control, most people do not use rhythm well because they cannot get the information they need and want; 3. Non-Catholic physicians and birth control clinics frequently discourage patients from its use; 4. Most physicians, including obstetrician specialists are not interested and lack adequate knowledge of rhythm.

In a recent letter to the Commission, Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director of the International Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction and editor of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, stated: "I have personally felt that this method (rhythm) was more practical and effective than is popularly supposed."

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