

Nursing Home Unit Backs State's Probe

The Metropolitan Chicago Nursing Home Association, which on Tuesday charged that THE TRIBUNE and Better Government Association disclosures of scandalous conditions in nursing homes were exaggerated and "politically motivated," last night "strongly endorsed" action being taken in response to the disclosures.

"Several of the proposals now being made have long been needed," said Roland Chabot, association president. "We have never been able to get sufficient public concern to get them accomplished.

"It is unfortunate it takes a scandal to get problems solved."

Rabbi Hit Disclosures

On Tuesday, Rabbi Hillel Yampol, executive director of the association, charged that THE TRIBUNE disclosures were "rampant with dramatic exaggeration" and "politically motivated."

He said the disclosures "are being made by untrained observers and reflect in part, lack of knowledge. They are, so far, unsubstantiated by any responsible agency."

Sees No Contradiction

Yampol, contacted last night after Chabot's statement was made public, said there was no contradiction between his comments Tuesday and Chabot's.

"We were responding (Tuesday) to charges in a newspaper which were unsubstantiated by any official body,"

Yampol said. "Now that an official body has been designated to investigate, we welcome its investigation and will work with it.

"If anything is found to be wrong, then those people [responsible] should be dealt with. So far the charges have not been substantiated."

Official Body Named

Yampol identified the official investigative body with which the association pledges to work as the General Assembly's Legislative Advisory Committee to Public Aid, headed by State Sen. John W. Carroll (R., Park Ridge).

Chabot said last night that the association will support Gov. Ogilvie's call for an expanded inspection and consultation program, Mayor Daley's proposal for more effective employment controls and the proposed investigation by Carroll's committee.

He also urged a central training program for nurse's aides for the entire metropolitan area, a training program for medical technicians, and development of training films on long-term care to be available to nursing homes to show to employes.

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