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Officials Agree Central State Needs Reform

By FRANK SUTHERLAND

The Tennessee commissioner of mental health and the reporter who posed for a month as a patient at Central State Psychiatric Hospital agree about many serious problems afflicting that institution.

But the commissioner, Dr. Richard Treadway, whose department controls Central State, and I, the reporter who pretended to be a patient named "Ernest Franklin," have one sharp disagreement.

DR. TREADWAY would "definitely" allow a member of his family who became mentally ill to be a patient at Central State.

I definitely would not want a member of my family to be a patient there.

He, no doubt, bases his opinion on the progress he

From Dec. 14 until Jan. 13, Tennessee reporter Frank Sutherland posed as a patient at Central State Psychiatric Hospital to observe conditions and treatment there first-hand.

No member of the hospital staff was aware of the role he was playing. Following is the last in his series of articles about his experiences there.

Sutherland and other Tennessee staff members will continue to investigate and evaluate the public and private hospitals which treat the mentally ill in this area.

has helped make at Central State over the last three years.

"I have my opinion on the 31 days I spent there as a 'patient.'"

A FEW days after I walked away from Central State, I telephoned Treadway to talk with him about conditions I had found there.

"I guess you know where I've been," I said to him.

"Yes, I have heard about it," he said.

He was informed, concerned and cooperative. He granted me a personal interview to discuss the needs of the hospital.

In my discussions with Treadway—and with officials of Central State—I found an attitude of open frankness. Most of the things I found out about Central State the commissioner already knows.

TREADWAY and I both know the hospital is not accredited as an institution. We both believe it should be.

No-Shows Still To Get Aid Checks

Persons who refuse or fail to show up next week for State Welfare Commissioner Fred Friend's proposed "roundup" of welfare recipients will still receive their checks, it was learned yesterday.

A memorandum to county welfare managers from Friend's office discloses that plans have been made not only to deliver checks to those persons who have valid excuses for not coming to the roundup, but also to those who give no excuse at all.

THE MEMO, signed by both Friend and Asst. Welfare Commissioner Floyd Richardson, instructs the county managers to "follow up with a home visit on all checks not picked up in person by the welfare recipients" according to schedule.

Priorities should be given to those welfare clients who have called beforehand to say they cannot attend the "roundup" because of illness or disability, the memo says.

"This follow-up (home visits) should be carried out as rapidly as possible," the memo says. "A list listing of those not reporting (to person) and the reasons for not reporting, must be submitted to the state welfare office on Feb. 16."

"ALL CHECKS not properly claimed by the end of business on Friday, Feb. 15, 1974, will be returned to the state office at the end of business on that date. These will be mailed with a list kept in the county office."

Friend announced earlier



BRISBANE, Australia—R. E. Pattinson is lifted from a flooded service station and restaurant into a

helicopter near Brisbane. Severe flooding in the area trapped many travelers.

Up to Safety

Aid to Saigon Still in Millions

By DAVID K. SHIPLEY

The New York Times News Service

SAIGON, (UPI)—United States figures show that since the ceasefire agreements were signed a year ago, the United States has provided South Vietnam with approximately \$284.7 million worth of weapons and ammunition.

This figure is roughly 75% of the level at which armaments were supplied to the

South Vietnamese in 1972, a year that saw extremely heavy fighting during the spring offensive.

ACCORDING to a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, by far the greatest part of the total last year—about \$276 million—went for ammunition, including bombs, rockets, artillery shells, grenades, small-arms ammunition and the like.

The remaining \$8.7 million was spent on weapons and equipment such as aircraft, tanks and artillery pieces. American officials insist that the United States is faithfully observing the Paris ceasefire agreement, which permits only "periodic replacements of armaments, munitions and war material which have been destroyed, damaged, worn out or used up after the ceasefire, on the basis of piece-for-piece, of the same characteristics and properties."

HOWEVER, no independent verification of this has been possible because of the inability of the two-party Joint Military Commission and the International Commission of Control and Supervision to agree on a method of inspection.

There are no indications that the United States has placed strict ceilings on expenditures for ammunition or has rationed the resupply of

Garage Veto Override Try Felt Doomed

By JOHN MAILL

Administration sources say they believe Democrats will fail to override Gov. Winfield Dunn's veto of a Capitol Hill parking garage and a plan requiring Supreme Court judges to run for re-election.

The Senate voted last week to override Dunn's year-old veto of \$12 million in bonds for the parking garage, and the House may be asked to vote on the veto tonight.

AS TENNESSEE lawmakers return to Nashville this morning to begin a week devoted mostly to initial consideration of the governor's \$2.1 billion budget, the veto efforts are in the spotlight in both the House and Senate.

"I don't want anyone to think we aren't concerned," said one Dunn aide, "but we feel we have the votes in the House to sustain the governor's veto of the parking garage."

Although some Republicans are expected to vote to override the veto, most of the measure comes from Democrats. With two of the House's 51 Democrats not expected back

Benton Officers Foil 'Kidnaping'

CAMDEN, Tenn.—A

Georgia woman who said she was "kidnaped" Friday in Atlanta was rescued from her two alleged abductors at an interstate rest area near here yesterday by a shotgun-wielding sheriff and his deputy.

Mrs. Patricia Ladue, 33, of Milledgeville, Ga., was freed after she managed to slip a note asking for help to a Nashville woman—in a service station restroom in Hickman County and tried to give a second note to someone in the rest area's restroom, located two miles west of the Tennessee River exit on I-40.

"I WAS SO scared I didn't know what to do—I couldn't think straight," Mrs. Ladue said. "They had a bottle of whiskey in the car, and I just kept drinking so I wouldn't know what was going on because I knew what was going on wasn't right."

Being "held" last night in Benton County Jail for investigation by the FBI were James W. Reachart, 31, of Marietta, Ga., and William Odell Evans, 40, of Ackworth, Ga.

The two were arrested shortly after noon by Benton County Sheriff Jerry Phifer and Deputy Thomas Taylor, who outpaced three Tennessee Highway Patrol units to the rest area and found the men

Gas Ration 'Possibility' — Jackson

By JAMES GERSTENZANG

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Henry M. Jackson, whose subcommittee on investigations held three days of hearings last week on the energy crisis, said yesterday gasoline rationing may be necessary by the second quarter of the year unless the Arab nations resume oil shipments.

"I believe the present situation clearly indicates that in the second quarter we're going to be in a posture where gas rationing may well be a reality," he said. "I don't

think there's much doubt about it unless there are some developments overseas which would indicate that we will get extra crude material."

THE PRESIDENT of the American Petroleum Institute, Frank N. Icard, said he would oppose rationing except as a last resort.

"We think the gasoline situation will be extremely tight in the spring and the late spring and early summer," he said on the NBC program Meet the Press. "Hopefully, if everything goes well we will not have to ration."

As to fuel prices, Icard said he did not think gasoline prices would reach the \$3-a-gallon level some have predicted.

JACKSON, D-WASH., said to avoid "deep trouble" after April 1 "we'd probably need one million barrels a day" of Arab oil. He said \$60,000 barrels were arriving directly from Arab nations before the oil embargo began last autumn.

He appeared on the CBS program Face the Nation. Reminded that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has indicated the embargo will end soon—a point with which Icard agreed—Jackson said: "It is simply not a reliable basis on which to plan."

JACKSON, THE floor manager of the emergency energy legislation before the Senate said he favors:

- Adjusting the oil depletion allowance by lowering it for

playing guitars under a shade tree.

"WE HEARD they were armed and dangerous, so when we arrived, I jumped out and leveled a shotgun at them," Phifer said. "They didn't offer any resistance."

The sheriff said no weapons were found on the men or in their automobile.

Mrs. Ladue, a self-employed hairdresser and the divorced mother of two children, was treated here for several cigarette burns on her arm

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Food Stamp Lack Costs State Millions

By NANCY VARLEY

Tennessee lost at least \$105.4 million in federal funds and \$17 million in state sales taxes during 1973 because only 30% of those eligible are receiving food stamps, a study has disclosed.

A study released by Dr. Felicia Lawrence and John Higgins, executive members of the Nashville Food Stamp Coalition, shows the state received \$65 million from the federal government during 1973 to pay the portion of the

cost of food not paid by food stamp recipients. But the state was eligible for at least \$170.4 million, the study contends.

STATE SALES taxes paid on the food which could have been purchased with the unused \$105.4 million would have amounted to \$4.7 million, the study says.

Although the Food Stamp Act of 1971 made it mandatory for the State Department of Public Welfare to "insure the participation of eligible households" an average of only 30% of those eligible in 87 counties receive food stamps according to the report.

Of the nine remaining counties, which have participated in the program for less than two years, only 28.3% of those eligible receive food stamps, the report says.

THE \$170.4 million in federal funds which the state could have received had 75% of those eligible in 1973 received stamps, Dr. Lawrence said.

In Davidson County, for example, 70,200 persons were eligible for food stamps, but only 24,097 received them. Federal funds lost totaled \$7.7 million, the study said.

Lawrence said the coalition made its calculation of loss on the basis of 75% participation in the food stamp program because it was reasoned that expectation of 100% participation would be unrealistic.

TENNESSEE will also stand to lose \$138 to \$140 million in federal funds this year. The state's food stamp losses were increased by this month and are expected to be increased again.

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Central State Psychiatric Hospital Supr. William H. Tragie talks to reporter Frank Sutherland.

"I think these articles will be hard on us..."

"...but an opportunity to improve..."

"...conditions that result from long-term inadequate treatment."

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State Sees Reform Need

(Continued From Page One) might be cutting our throats," said Treadway, who is concerned over the low salaries he is able to offer psychiatrists.

However, he said, while five have left Central State, the situation across the state has improved. The number of unlicensed doctors has been reduced from 45% to 33%, he said. He is considering a proposal to take all responsibility away from unlicensed doctors in the mental health system.

Treadway and I both know that aides at the hospital — now required only to have an eighth grade education — need more professionalism. We agree that standards for aides must be upgraded.

"WE HAVE increased their pay and have required more training for the aides in an effort to give them more professional experience," he said. "We still cannot pay them enough to attract enough people with high educational qualifications. We have managed to cut down on the turnover of aides from 30% to 15%."

I told Treadway — and other hospital officials agreed with me — that the aides actually run Central State because they have most of the direct contact with the patients.

Treadway said the hospital also is lacking in housekeepers. There are only 42 while at least 100 are needed.

Treadway and I both know that Central State's physical plant is grossly inadequate. The 122-year-old Farmer Building housed 550 patients when I was there. It and the old Hill building are both unsanitary. We both agreed that the area of the buildings makes sanitation extremely difficult.

TREADWAY pointed out

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Dr. Richard Treadway knew the problems

that the number of patients in the Farmer building was 1,100 to years ago. After I began this series of articles about Central State another 200 patients were removed and given beds elsewhere.

This, no doubt, has caused some crowding elsewhere in the hospital. But I believe that even the crowding in other, more recently constructed buildings is preferable to the overcrowding in the Farmer Building which I considered to be a firetrap.

Treadway also said that an \$8 million construction program is under way at Central State. It will take several years before this program is finished, but it will provide:

The \$4 million Luton Community Mental Health center.

A 75-bed drug and alcohol abuse unit.

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A 100-bed forensic building to replace the stark, bare, crumbling maximum security building which will close in two years.

In addition, Treadway said, a major air conditioning program for existing buildings is now under way.

The commissioner said a number of steps have been taken to protect the rights of

patients there, including an executive order 18 months ago ending the use of shock treatments.

Treadway and I both know that in addition to unsanitary conditions in some buildings and the inadequacy of the physical plant at Central State, the food is not appetizing. We know, too, that the staff is overworked as well as underpaid. We both believe that the state legislature needs to appropriate more funds for the hospital.

Because we both know these things about Central State, I was somewhat surprised by Dr. Treadway's answer when I asked whether he would ever be a relative who was mentally ill to be a patient at Central State.

"I DEFINITELY would now," he responded without hesitation.

He pointed to the real progress he has made since he became mental health commissioner.

Three years ago, per patient expenditures at Central State were \$12.88 per day. Today, the figure has been increased by Treadway's administration to \$22.83 per patient per day.

BUT THE cost in Nashville private hospitals for patients with mental illness ranges between \$70 per day and \$100 per day. And so I disagree with the commissioner of mental health on his point.

I do not believe state legislators would want their relatives to be patients there either.

I am hopeful this series of articles will help inform the state and its legislators of the problems at the hospital so that more money can be appropriated to speed up Treadway's time-table for bringing the tragic conditions at Central State up to acceptable standards.

Two days after I "escapged" from Central State by walking out the front gate, I returned to the hospital and disclosed to Dr. William H. Tragle, the hospital superintendent, that I had been posing as a patient there.

TRAGLE'S first reaction was what I took to be nervous distress. He then called for my medical file. He directed that the two doctors I had encountered briefly during my stay come to his office and meet with me. The two doctors, Adolph Siegmann and Werner Edzard, both, are unlicensed to practice in Tennessee.

Siegmann did not recognize me, although as my doctor he had seen me three times in short meetings with the staff.

I told the three of them — Tragle, Siegmann and Edzard — how I had spent 31 days in the Farmer Building. I told them of the deplorable conditions I had found. The reaction was first apologetic and then cooperative as I explained the series of stories I planned to write.

"I THINK these articles will be hard on us, but I also see it as an opportunity to improve the hospital," said Tragle, a licensed psychiatrist.

I asked Tragle whether he thought he and the hospital could withstand a legislative investigation.

"I would feel exposed," he replied, adding that he feared he might be labeled a "scapegoat" for the conditions there.

Siegmann and Edzard both indicated they would be concerned about their jobs, especially since they are not licensed in this state, but both vigorously defended their competency as psychiatrists.

I ASKED both Siegmann and Tragle about the unsanitary and outworn facilities of the building in which I lived.

They responded by describing how the state had never appropriated enough money to operate the hospital as they would like. They said they are short in personnel — from aides and housekeepers to doctors and nurses — which has prevented their solving many of the problems.

As we talked in Tragle's office, I could feel their sense of frustration about the lack of money. As the conversation went on over two hours, they poured out problem after problem they encountered in attempting to get by each day with shortages of supplies and people.

TRAGLE said it is difficult to get good professionals with the salaries the hospital pays.

"We recognize the problem we have with accreditation with the unlicensed physicians on our staff," Tragle said. "But with the salaries we pay, we wonder about a licensed psychiatrist who applies for a job here when he should be able to make so much more in private practice."

Siegmann took issue with some of the accreditation steps, saying some of the requirements for accreditation are of "no benefit to the patient."

He said, for example, the hospital has plans to purchase standard nameplates for the staff uniforms and their desks. "But what does this have to do with treatment of patients?" he asked.

SIEGMANN said he also realizes that he will lose his present job if the hospital is accredited, since no unlicensed doctor can be director of a clinical unit or order treatment of a patient without approval of a licensed physician.

"I am a good administrator," Siegmann replied. "I know how to handle my staff and I know what treatment these patients need. I can do the job, but they say I won't be able to because I don't have a license."

Siegmann said judges in Tennessee "as a whole do not really know what they are doing when they commit someone to this institution. The same is true with families. Families bring old people here, particularly. We show them the ward and ask them if they really want to put them here. This hospital has really been a dumping ground."

LAST WEEK, I offered



Tennessee reporter Frank Sutherland, left, discusses two physicians there, Adolph Siegmann, center, and conditions at Central State Psychiatric Hospital with his Werner Edzard.

Ex-'Patient' and His Doctors Rap

Tennessee reporter Frank Sutherland, left, discusses two physicians there, Adolph Siegmann, center, and conditions at Central State Psychiatric Hospital with his Werner Edzard.

Treadway and Tragle the opportunity to make a formal response to my series of stories. Tragle said yesterday he has "been consulting with the state administration and we have decided not to make a formal response at this time."

He said the administration decided to await the findings of a committee appointed by Tragle to investigate my observations of the conditions in the Farmer Building.

I was given a copy of the formal response. Tragle had planned to make to the series. It had been prepared for Tragle by Central State public affairs officer Max Leach to send to the commissioner's office.

"WE WELCOME any such undertaking to call attention to conditions in this hospital, which might apply to many other state hospitals elsewhere as well, conditions we might add that result from financial inadequacy in funding with treatment of patients," Tragle said.

The superintendent listed point-by-point "clarifications" he thought should be made. Here is a summary of his responses:

● "Standards for accreditation of psychiatric hospitals (apart from regular hospitals) were established only a very few years ago. Central State's preparations for accreditation have been under way for some time and the target date for accreditation is the end of 1976."

● "One of the requirements for physicians seeking employment here is that they be licensed in their own countries. All physicians fulfill this requirement since all have passed licensure examinations somewhere."

● "Illegal drugs are available at the hospital, but, "all hospitals and society at large have this problem, especially

Information Meet Slated By Fisk Panel

The Fisk University Student Government Association's Information Bureau will sponsor a communications workshop on "Block in Communications," Wednesday and Thursday in the Appling Room of Jubilee Hall.

Karen Thompson, coordinator, said the workshop will be held in a symposium-type setting. She added that activities in all aspects of communications are expected to participate.

REGISTRATION for the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Some of the participants will be Chester Higgins, Federal Communications Commission; Dwight Lewis, the Tennessee; Lynne Sharpe, Encore; Reginald Hayes, Johnson Publishing; Patricia Gillespie, Essence; Chris French, the Associated Press, and Don Whitehead, WLAC-News.

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Auto Gas Tank Fire Burns Small Boy

A 6-year-old East Nashville boy received second and third degree facial burns yesterday when someone children apparently struck a match near a car's open gas tank, police said.

Tracy Collier, of 507 N. Third St., was admitted to General Hospital.

HIS MOTHER, Miss Mary Collier, said she sent her son to the grocery store and was taking a short-cut back home when he stopped to look at a car apparently abandoned at a vacant lot at 233 Trentland St.

His mother said he told her he had seen a match and was looking at the car and one of them struck a match near the gas tank's opening.

POLICE DETECTIVE Raymond Brown said the car did not appear to be burned. He speculated that the lighted match touched off gasoline fumes and "they blew all out of once."

Brown said the car is registered to George Daniel, 1721 Nassau St., but the officer did not have time to contact Daniel last night.

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