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TITUS BOOKS OPENS CWTC

Titus Books will open the Christian Workers' Training Course in New Testament Study on Friday and Saturday nights in South Cottage. Everyone is invited to attend, but those taking the course for credit must attend either the session in the evening or the special meeting for night workers in the afternoons.

Persons desiring to enroll should see Frank Wright, get their text book and begin to prepare the first two lessons.

Action by the Council at Wednesday night's meeting has made Irvin Gerig temporary secretary of the unit. Gerig will complete Howard Ernst's term who was recently put on night duty.

A brief sample poll of the unit members revealed some interesting comments and reactions to Miss Clark's presentation. They said...the attendant was told his place and made to feel it...some startling and challenging facts were presented...good lecture but left no opportunity to differ...attituded towards hospital remains unchanged...impressed with the truth and completeness of the presentation...made keenly aware of her disappointment in the group...apparently we're farther apart than we realized.

In general, there is a prevalent feeling that the matter should not be dropped but some attempt be made to meet with Miss Clark in a more informal discussion-type meeting. Individual feelings on this matter should be expressed to the proper members or groups.

SAID MISS CLARK

In her presentation before the general meeting on Tuesday Miss Clark made these points:

That the hospital is very short of personnel and we were brought here to relieve this;

That we are not expected to perform any duties in any area except as attendants, the lowest in the scale of personnel;

That the attendant's job is to carry out orders primarily with regard to physical care of patients and wards;

That we fail to understand the difference between abuse and restraint of patients;

That we are not being an example for good in the hospital where we could have been;

That, if we are disappointed in the hospital's attitude toward us, it is equally disappointed in our attitude toward it;

That while we are here, we should fit into the hospital's plan and do as we are told, not be critical of it in its understaffed state;

And that we are deeply appreciated by the hospital and that most of us are doing an excellent job.

TO ALL MEN TAKING CORRESPONDENCE COURSES OF ANY KIND: The M.C.C. is interested in having information about what correspondence courses are being taken by C.P.S. men. In order to make this report, Frank Wright will need to know by Feb. 2. who is taking courses, what courses, from where, for what credit, when began and amount completed. If you are taking a course of any kind by correspondence, leave this information in the office or talk to Frank.

(final draft of statement submitted to the hospital administration)

Because a situation has arisen involving several of our CPS men in violation of hospital rules regarding the care and handling of patients, we hereby submit this statement, not intended to criticize, but as an attempt to clarify the issue and our feelings regarding it.

Recognizing the inconsistencies and fallibilities of rules, we, nevertheless, concur with the hospital in a policy of respectable, patient, kindly care to its patients. We realize that as a humanitarian institution it could not do otherwise. Moreover, we, as Christian humanitarians, ultimately support that principle with conviction.

We also are aware that we come far short of actually carrying out that principle in ward routine. We feel that much of the fault lies with ourselves, and we purpose to apply ourselves seriously to the correction of our faults in this regard. We feel, however, that in some respects the hospital has not sufficiently interpreted itself except on the letter of the law.

Therefore, we ask that considerable more assistance and constructive consideration be given us for the purpose of enabling us to understand the exact implications of the rules regarding treatment of patients and to develop our skills in handling ward situations within the letter of these rules.

Specifically, we make the following suggestions as possible ways in which the hospital can help us:

- 1) We advocate a broader program of orientation for new assignees and of training for present assignees, including above all a period of counseling by a representative of the hospital staff. The counseling should be carried out not so much to acquaint the individual with rules and procedures as to instill a basic understanding of the attendant's role in good patient care.

- 2) We recommend that one or more difficult wards be used as demonstration wards, staffed completely with attendants who are willing to expend much patience and effort to test the effectiveness of various techniques. The experiment of necessity must be well controlled and would need the understanding and cooperation of the staff.

- 3) We propose that, when hospital authorities require ends which apparently sanction violation of the letter of those rules, they also give the attendant guidance in the means of attaining the end within the limits of the rule.

- 4) We suggest that the duties of attendants be defined and emphasized more in terms of the physical and mental care of patients than in terms of the physical appearance of the ward so that the attendant may feel himself an important or integral part of the current purpose of the hospital.

- 5) We suggest that a hearing on reported cases of violation be held before decision is reached, at which time the attendant concerned can make a statement and be represented by our leaders.