FSA ELEVATED TO DEPARTMENT RANK

On March 30, the Senate gave final congressional approval to the President's Government Reorganization Plan No. 1, creating the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare out of FSA.

Under a special speedup resolution, waiving the normal 60-day waiting period, the reorganization was effective April 11.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Federal Security Administrator, has become head of the new department, in which all constituent agencies of FSA will be regrouped.

An Undersecretary and two Assistant Secretaries will be named to assist the new Cabinet officer. In addition, a Special Assistant, selected from persons who are "recognized leaders in the medical field, with wide nongovernmental experience," will advise the Secretary on health and medical matters.

NIH EQUIPMENT EXHIBIT TO OPEN ON APRIL 27

Approximately $300,000 worth of research equipment will be shown at NIH April 27-30. The exhibit, the third of its kind to be held here, is expected to attract the latest scientific developments of some 82 manufacturers. Among the items to be displayed are projection-type laboratory balances, room-sized incubators, and many newly developed electronic instruments.

The primary purpose of these annual exhibits is to acquaint Washington area scientists with the newest research tools and to give them the opportunity to discuss equipment problems with representatives of the industry.

The exhibit, open to the public, will be held in the Clinical Center.


Speaking before almost a thousand employees in Wilson Hall, Mrs. Hobby expressed her pleasure at being able to meet the NIH staff. She pointed out that the new Department represents many diverse activities, but that it is easy to find the thread of continuity because all of them deal with important needs of the American people.

She said she always considers it a high privilege to serve one's Government and that we at NIH serve in a very special way. One of the reasons she was pleased to accept the post of Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was because the Public Health Service is part of that organization.

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The Veterinary Pathologist in the Laboratory of Pathology, NCI, is engaged in cooperative studies on the incidence, diagnosis, and behavior of tumors in animals.

For the past two and a half years, Dr. Willard Eyestone and his assistant, Mrs. Frances D. Robbins, have performed autopsies at the National Zoological Park. Last year modern autopsy facilities were made available at the zoo.

Zoo animals die from a variety of infections. Several cases of cancer have been found; among them, one case of cancer of the thyroid gland was discovered in a plains wolf. Nearly all of the carnivorous animals have shown evidence of functional disorders of the thyroid gland.

Another interesting phase of Dr. Eyestone's work is testing the effects of chemical compounds on tissues of normal and tumor-bearing animals. These investigations have also yielded helpful information concerning the side effects of the chemical compounds.

Transplantation studies of osteogenic sarcomas in mice are also carried out in this laboratory. Five strains of these tumors have been maintained for as long as 18-20 generations. Each tumor strain has similar biologic characteristics. After four or five transplant generations, the tumors lose their ability to produce bone.

Dr. Eyestone has recently found that these tumors will revert to their bone-producing ability if the route of transplantation is varied. Subsequent experiments are planned to determine, if possible, why this difference occurs.

A long-term comprehensive study of the biological behavior of tumors in domestic and wild animals and their correlation with microscopic study of the tumor tissues is a principal interest. Dr. Eyestone receives for study specimens of animal tumor tissue from veterinarians throughout the United States.

Credit Union

The NIH Credit Union has secured the services of a full-time clerk, Mrs. Zella Boteler. New hours have also been inaugurated. The Credit Union is open for business Tuesdays through Fridays between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. On paydays and the day following, however, business can be transacted from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

All business transacted at hours other than the above must be done by making an advance appointment.

Car Registration

Employees who park their cars on the reservation are reminded to fill out the form recently distributed by mail and send it to the Buildings Management Branch, Room 18, Building 1, as soon as they have installed their 1953 tags. The record kept in the Guards Office enables the guards to notify employees of flat tires, leaking gas tanks, etc.

Don't forget to transfer the NIH identification tag to the new plates, installing it on the rear license plate this year.
NIH Spotlight

Marie K. Murphy

Public health bacteriology has been the continuing interest of Marie K. Murphy, petite biologist in NIAMD's Lab of Biochemistry and Nutrition. Marie is currently doing microbiological assays for vitamins, amino acids and also for unidentified new factors, in the Liver Disease and Intermediate Metabolism Unit under Dr. Klaus Schwarz. She recently presented a paper on some of their findings at the meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Chicago.

Marie first gained valuable experience in public health bacteriology on the State level in the county laboratories in up-State New York. In 1942, she was "graduated" to Federal public health when she accepted a job with the War Relocation Center in McGehee, Arkansas, where she did biochemical and bacterial test work as head of a clinical laboratory. She came to NIH in 1946, and worked with Dr. J. G. Woolley on nutritional studies of viruses in the Experimental Biology and Medicine Institute before joining Dr. Schwarz in 1950.

Whenever her wanderlust coincides with an accumulation of annual leave, Marie takes a Caribbean cruise. She has made four such trips, to Bermuda, Nassau, Jamaica, Haiti and Puerto Rico. At home, her interests include reading, bridge, and the theatre. She also finds time to belong to the American Society of Bacteriologists, the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, and the Catholic Daughters of America.

MRS. HOBBY Cont'd

After her talks, Mrs. Hobby visited tissue culture laboratories in NCI, toured the Clinical Center, and discussed atherosclerosis studies with staff members of NIH.

She was accompanied on her visit by the Surgeon General and Dr. Sebrell.

MRS. HOBBY Cont'd

Four more division representatives of the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association were elected recently -- Harold Tager, NINDB, Linden Neff, NIDR, Jeanne H. Walton, NIH, and Clara N. Lebling, representing both Buildings Management and Laboratory Aids Branches.

Morton Hall will be arranged cabaret-style for the event. The party will be from 9 to 1, with tickets on sale at the door for 50 cents per person.

Music will be supplied by Lee Maxfield and his trio. A special feature of the floor show will be an exhibition dance by Mary and Martin Chudy. Mr. Chudy is instructor of R & W's popular ballroom dancing classes.

MENTAL HEALTH RADIO SERIES HEARD LOCALLY

A new series of 13 half-hour radio shows entitled "Your Mental Health" was inaugurated last month over the NBC network.

Produced as a public service by the National Broadcasting Company, in cooperation with NIMH, the dramatic shows are heard locally each Saturday over WRC from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

HAMSTERS NAME NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

Tod Triem, Hamster director, announces the appointment of two associate directors, Sue Oliver and Rosalie Kasaba, to assist in the production of three one-act plays to be presented by the dramatic group early in June.

The plays are now being selected, and tryouts will be held soon. Watch for the tryout date.

Marie was born and grew up in Auburn, N. Y. She first came to Washington to attend Trinity College, where she majored in biology. She later returned to her native New York for graduate work in bacteriology at Syracuse University, and now lives in an apartment in Bethesda with her mother.
1. Will Clinical Center patients pay?
   Present authority and plans will permit the study of Clinical Center patients without charge.

2. Is it true that the Clinical Center will accept only "terminal" cases?
   No. It is believed that most patients selected will have manifestations of the early stages of their disease.

3. Will a patient’s personal physician continue to follow the patient in the Clinical Center?
   Yes, to the extent that he may receive regular reports on his patient and may consult with Clinical Center staff.

4. Will ambulatory patients use the same dining facilities as employees?
   No.

5. Will community volunteers serve in the Clinical Center?
   Organized and trained groups of volunteer workers will serve in various capacities.

6. Will employees who receive serious on-the-job injuries be hospitalized in the Clinical Center?
   Serious emergency cases may be treated during the period of the emergency.

Note: If you have any questions, send them to the NIH Record, Room 216, Building 1.

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**EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE $2,750 TO RED CROSS**

The generous contributions of many NIH employees made possible a total Red Cross collection this year of over $2,750.

Special mention is due the Division of Research Grants and NIAMD, whose participation was 100 percent. Keymen of these groups were Mrs. Catherine Cantrell and Miss Marion H. Argyll. Thanks also goes to those who so generously gave time and effort in organizing and conducting this year’s campaign.

The following summary shows the percentage contribution by groups as of April 2: Research Grants, 100 percent; NIAMD, 100 percent; Clinical Center, 81 percent; NIMH, 67 percent; NMI, 67 percent; NIDR, 47 percent; NHI, 47 percent; NINDB, 46 percent; NCI, 43 percent; OD and Central Services, 35 percent.

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**The NIH Employment Program**

The attraction and retention of technically competent and loyal personnel are major management aims at NIH.

The Employment Section, a part of the Personnel Branch, is responsible for all employment functions at NIH, including recruitment, selection, and placement of personnel. Recruitment involves finding available workers while selection involves picking and choosing among them to secure those most likely to succeed on the job. Placement includes the most efficient utilization of present employees. By following proper employment procedures, the best qualified persons can be recruited for and assigned within NIH.

Members of the Employment Section include Mr. Clair Lacey, Chief, and two assistants, Mr. James Noone and Mrs. Barbara White. Mr. Noone handles veteran preference problems, reductions in force, and both regular and special interviews. Mrs. White interviews applicants and is responsible for requesting and auditing all Civil Service Certificates.

The Employment Section performs many other important services for NIH. It represents us in negotiations on employment matters concerning PHS, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Civil Service Commission, Boards of Civil Service Examiners, and other Federal agencies. It provides a centralized interviewing facility for applicants and answers all inquiries regarding employment opportunities. As vacancies occur, the Personnel Generalists are furnished names of NIH employees who qualify for promotion, and lists of candidates who are eligible for appointment.

In order to retain employees, it is essential to give them every opportunity to progress to positions of higher grade as vacancies become available for which they are fully qualified. The NIH employment program, which is in accord with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare promotion policy, requires that preferential consideration be given to NIH employees in filling vacancies. Approval for filling a vacancy by selection of a person from outside NIH will be given only when it can be shown that the qualifications of such a person are clearly superior to those of available employees. As recruitment requests are received, the Section refers the files of the NIH employees for first consideration.

A file of all current Civil Service Examinations in the Washington area is maintained by the Employment Section. Copies of examination announcements and the necessary application forms are available to employees of the NIH and to persons interested in employment here or in other Federal establishments.

All employees are encouraged to visit or call the Employment Section (Rm. 1-S-231, Bldg. 10) whenever they desire information concerning employment policies, regulations, or requirements which may not be available through their supervisors or administrative office.

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**Safety Tip** Use double containers when handling radioactive materials. Such containers prevent accidental spillage, reduce the danger of contamination, and may save a valuable reagent.