Dr. Adams Is Appointed New Director of NMAC

Dr. Myron M. Adams, Jr., has been appointed Director of the National Library of Medicine's National Medical Audiovisual Center in Atlanta. He has been associated with NMAC since 1971 and has been serving as Acting Director since October 1977.

Dr. Adams, a graduate of Harvard University, received his M.D. from Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine in 1966. He became interested in the teaching aspects of medical education during his pediatric training at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

There he set up "clinical correlations sessions" in which residents met with small groups of first-year medical students and showed them clinical examples of what the students were studying in their lectures.

After choosing a career in academic medicine, he came to NMAC to learn more about teaching methods in medical education.

As medical advisor at NMAC, Dr. Adams was contributing author for the award-winning self-instructional series, Introduction to Congenital Heart Disease. He also designed media production workshops for medical school faculty.

Later, as chief of the Materials Development Branch, Dr. Adams established procedures and specifications for instructional material development, and supervised 40 educational and production personnel.

Dr. Robert W. Miller (center), chief of the NCI Clinical Epidemiology Branch, received the 14th annual John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Lectureship award on Nov. 18 from Dr. Philip Calzagno (right), chairman of the department of pediatrics, Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Norman Kretchmer (left), NICHD Director, received the award in 1967. Dr. Miller's lecture was on the Alert Clinician as an Etiologist.

It's That Time of Year Again—Get Set Now, Check Equipment for 'Operation Clean-up'

The 12th annual "Operation Clean-up" will be conducted this month at NIH to effect economies by utilizing idle equipment and/or personnel.

Dr. Martin Luther King Day Will Be Observed Here Friday, Jan. 13

NIH will host the 4th Annual PHS Martin Luther King Commemorative Day Program on Friday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m. in the Masur Auditorium and the 14th Floor Auditorium, Clinical Center.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, noted Civil Rights leader, National Director of People United to Save Humanity, and former aid to Dr. King, will be the keynote speaker.

Program Participants Listed

Other persons on the program will include: Dr. Julius B. Richmond, HEW Assistant Secretary for Health; Dr. Thomas E. Malone, NIH Deputy Director; Mattie Wright, ASH/EEO Officer; and Margaret Bell, program chairperson.

For additional information concerning other program activities, contact George Yee, 496-2006, or Dr. James C. Moone, 496-2497.

See the bus schedule for NIH employees on page 7.

Dr. Carl M. Leventhal Returns to NIH; Named NIAMDD Dep. Director

Dr. Carl M. Leventhal was recently appointed deputy director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases.

Dr. Leventhal returns to NIH from the Food and Drug Administration where, since 1974, he has been deputy director of the Bureau of Drugs. Previously, he was assistant to the Deputy Director for Science, NIH from 1968 to 1974.

Dr. Leventhal joined NIH in 1964 as an associate neuropathologist in the Perinatal Research Branch of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

Two years later he transferred to the National Cancer Institute's chemotherapeutics program as a neurologist and neuropathologist. He was responsible for the development of the NCI collaborative program.

In 1975 Dr. Adams received the NLM Regents Award for Scientific or Technical Achievement. He was appointed deputy director of NMAC in April 1977.
Sailing Club Meets on Jan. 26, Features America's Cup Film
At its first meeting of the 1978 season—Thursday evening, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. in Room 117, Bldg. 30—the NIH Sailing Club will feature a film of the 1970 America's Cup series, in which the U.S. defender Intrepid barely squeezed out a win over Gretel II, the Australian challenger.

Details of the club's classroom and on-board training program will be presented, and the new officers and program chairpersons will be on hand with information about the club's other activities. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

No auditions are held, but an ability to sight-read music is required. Rehearsals are held on alternate Sunday evenings in homes of members.

Singers Seek New Members; Hold Biweekly Rehearsals
The NIH Singers, an R&W-sponsored activity, will begin rehearsals Jan. 15 for the spring season.

New members are welcome. No auditions are required. Rehearsals are held on alternate Sunday evenings in homes of members.

No auditions are held, but an ability to sight-read music is required. Rehearsals are held on alternate Sunday evenings in homes of members.

Fencing Club Forming; Classes Being Offered
Persons interested in foil, épée, and sabre fencing or in learning to fence are invited to contact Dr. Lawrence Fisher, Room 101, Federal Bldg., 496-1432, or Dr. Herb Spector, Room 103, Federal Bldg., 496-5745, concerning formation of a club for lunchtime practice.

Beginning of any age and either sex are welcome. Advanced fencers are invited to come and practice and help in teaching beginners if they so desire.

Provides Multiple Benefits
Fencing, the fastest and most complex of all sports, can be enjoyed simply as a physical exercise, as self-improvement in grace, balance, rhythm, and timing, and as the keest physical and mental workout for the advanced practitioner.

For information on existing clubs in the area or for evening practice, call Dr. Fisher (DC Fencers' Club) or Dr. Spector (Washington Fencers' Club).

Get Two Concerts
The Singers' repertoire includes choral music from all periods, with an emphasis on a cappella performance. At least two concerts are given each year.

For further information, call Dr. Lewis M. Norton, 496-1686.

Do You Feel Trapped?
Call 496-2738

Dr. Mullan is the Director of the National Health Service Corps of the Health Services Administration.

Dr. Fitzhugh Mullan will discuss his book, White Coat, Clenched Fist, at the next NIH Information Training Committee Seminar on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m. in Bldg. 31, Conference Room 4.

Discussion Is Open
Dr. Mullan's book, published in 1976, grew out of his experiences as a physician and has been called "an impartial indictment of America's most indispensable, admired, and uncheckered profession."

The talk, which is open to everyone interested, will be followed by general discussion with the audience.

Alcoholics Anonymous Has Open Meetings on Fridays
Have you ever wondered about Alcoholics Anonymous? A meeting is being the starting Fridays at noon in Bldg. 31, Room B2-B63 (Occupational Medical Service unit).

If you are interested in this program, feel free to come and ask questions or just listen. Anonymity is respected.
OMS Offers Free Test For Colon-Rectal Cancer

Almost 50,000 people die from cancer of the colon and rectum annually, and it is estimated that over 90,000 people will contract the disease this year.

Cancer of the colon is the most frequent non-cutaneous malignancy, and the survival rate has not changed in 50 years. The reason for the grim fatality rate is that there are no early symptoms or signs of the disease.

Approximately 60 percent of the patients with colon-rectum cancer die within 5 years despite extensive surgery, chemotherapy, and/or radiotherapy.

The NIH Occupational Medical Service offers a simple test for employees in detecting colon-rectum cancer. The kit consists of hemocult slides—3 sets of cardboard-enclosed, guaiac impregnated slips of paper on which the employee smears a thin film of stool using a small wooden applicator.

After three separate collections from consecutive bowel movements, the slides are submitted to the OMS for developing.

**Urgo Annual Testing**

Employees will be notified by mail of the test results. If the test results are negative, employees are urged to repeat the test again next year.

Positive tests will be repeated after a simple dietary modification to rule out possible food-related effects. If the test again is positive, the employee is referred to his/her physician for further evaluation.

This test is by no means designed to replace routine medical evaluation and screening, but rather to complement it.

For further information on the kits, call the OMS at 496-3164.

**Young Artists To Be Featured in FAEs Concert on Jan. 22**

Tashi—a group of young artists, including Peter Serkin, piano; Ida Kavafian, violin; Fred Sherry, cello; and Richard Stoltzman, clarinet—will return to NIH on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m. in the Masur Auditorium.

This is the fourth concert of the 1977-78 Chamber Music Series which is sponsored by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences.

Admission is by ticket only.

**Women's Group Is Planned**

Counselors of the Employees Assistance Program are planning a Women’s Group, starting this week.

The group will meet 1 hour each week on Wednesday or Thursday mornings, depending on the availability of the majority of women who are interested.

Anyone interested may call 496-2795.

**NIAMDD Includes Three Men in Its Secretarial Office Forces**

Mr. Leininger and Mr. Milstein share office space in Bldg. 2 with a third secretary, Mary Lou Miller.

**Workshop Proceedings On Thrombotic Process Will Be Issued by NHLBI**

A 4-day Workshop on the Thrombotic Process in Atherosclerosis was held in mid-October at Reston, Va.

Sponsored jointly by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the American Heart Association, the workshop brought together experts on blood coagulation and atherosclerosis from all over the country.

They discussed current concepts of the complex interactions among cholesterol and other blood fats, blood platelets and other elements of the coagulation system, the endothelial lining and smooth-muscle cells of the arterial wall, blood-vessel injury, and other factors in the development of the artery-clogging deposits of atherosclerosis.

Workshop proceedings will be published by NHLBI.

**New Booklet Describes USDA Graduate School’s Certificate Program**

The Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has issued a new publication, Certificates of Accomplishment, which describes the school’s certificate programs.

Certificates of Accomplishment are awarded to students who complete a series of courses in a specific area of study, such as management, accounting, library techniques, editing, paralegalism, secretarial techniques and statistics.

This booklet assists training officers, counselors, or supervisors in planning employees’ careers, or individuals in planning their own careers.

To receive a copy of Certificates of Accomplishment call (202) 447-4419, or write: Graduate School, USDA, Room 6847-S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

**Film Shows How Attitudes Affect Views on Alcoholism**

A 45-minute color film entitled “Father Martin’s Guidelines” is being shown by the Occupational Medical Service on Jan. 10, 11, and 12, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

It may be viewed today (Jan. 10) in the Masur Auditorium; Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the Westwood Bldg., Room 428; and Thursday, Jan. 12, in Bldg. 1, Wilson Hall.

The movie reveals how people’s attitudes affect their views of the disease of alcoholism and its treatment.

All employees are urged to see this informative and introspective film.

OMS counselors will be available to answer questions or for consultation.
Intraocular Lens Implantation Procedure Will Be Evaluated in Feasibility Study

The first phase of a study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of artificial lens implants, used to replace the eye's natural lens which is removed during eye surgery, is being funded by the National Eye Institute. J. Robb Associates, Inc., of Houston, Tex., an organization which specializes in the application of statistics to health care evaluation and planning, will examine the records of 10 to 15 cooperating ophthalmologists who have performed lens implantation on large numbers of patients.

Under the direction of Dr. Jay H. Glasser, a biostatistician, investigators will first determine whether a sufficient number of comparable and adequately documented cases from these physicians' records are available for study.

If the available information is judged adequate for a definitive study, a complete analysis of the physicians' records will be carried out.

May Require Analysis

This will involve measuring the frequency of intraocular lens complications, determining what factors were related to success and failure, and comparing the outcome of this procedure with alternative methods of cataract surgery and optical rehabilitation of cataract patients.

In cataract, the eye's natural lens becomes opaque and interferes with vision. Since the early 1970's, an increasing number of ophthalmologists have been using intraocular lenses and, according to Dr. Besdine, "although most hospital emergency rooms have visited think they have one, it's normally very dusty and I just find we're now a nursing home that owned one."

Hypothemias should be suspected if any of the following signs are evident: the patient feels cold to the touch but is not shivering; the blood pressure is low and the heartbeat slow and irregular; or the patient appears confused, drowsy, or is even comatose.

These signs, other than the drop in body temperature to 95°F or below, can be confused with a stroke, diabetic coma, or heart condition. Moreover, autopsy will not definitively establish hypothermia as a cause of death.

The impact of the problem is difficult to estimate. There have been no studies in America of the frequency of accidental hypothermia. British estimates of annual deaths from hypothermia in the elderly have ranged widely from 500 to 10,000.

If accidental hypothermia is diagnosed before the deep body temperature has dropped below 90°F and if proper treatment is given, the chances for a normal recovery are good.
Unique EEO Conference Alerts Entire NIAID Staff Regarding Affirmative Action

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases recently held a unique 4-day Equal Employment Opportunity Conference in Spring. The conference discussed screening for bladder cancer as a public health intervention, including methods for the identification of high risk groups.

Consider Screening Value
Present techniques for the detection of precancerous tissue changes and very early cancers in the urinary bladder were described. In particular, the group reviewed data on the possible value of screening by urine cytology—the microscopic examination of cells in the urine.

Participants concluded that data presently available fail to show that such screening results in a statistically significant decrease in the incidence of bladder cancer patients compared to patients whose cancers were diagnosed because they went to their physicians with urinary tract symptoms (blood in the urine, frequency, vague feeling of pressure and discomfort, or actual pain in the pelvis).

Screening Needed for Diagnosis
It was emphasized, however, that the lack of evidence for usefulness of urine cytology for screening does not diminish in any way its importance in the diagnosis and followup.

The conference recommended that new emphasis be placed on urine cytology for the screening of symptom-free people who have been screened by the Federal Government until existing data have been reevaluated and some evidence of benefit demonstrated.

It was further recommended that steps be taken to improve the quality control of data collection and cytology screening. Training of cytotechnicians and cytopathologists in the preparation and interpretation of urine cytology slides should have high priority, and quality control in cytology laboratories should be improved.

Propose Physicians' Education
Professional education for practicing physicians was proposed regarding bladder cancer screening and the criteria for referral to a urologist.

Educational programs were also recommended for groups at above average risk of developing bladder cancer concerning the need to consider screening.

Do You Feel Anxious But Don't Know Why? Call 496-2738

A group expresses its views during the recent NIAID-EEO Conference.
Adult Education Serves as Inspiration To NIH'ers for Improving Themselves

Montgomery County public school representatives and DPM staff members join the Adult Education graduates for a picture. L to r seated are: Marilyn Carter, Cooley's anemia; 3. Wilma Mae Williams, DAS; Bettye Johnson, BHMT; Pat Sadler, MCPS; Ann White, CC; and Irenne Kimeblatt, MCPS. Standing are: D. Richards, MCPS; James Shields, DAS; Marvin Busch, DES; Charles Hatcherson, DR; Fred Harris, NICHID; Ron Coleman, CC; Sid Carter, NIAID; Earl Smith, NCI; and Mr. Nicholas and Milt Tipperman, DPM. Mary Joyner, CC, and Bernadette Vaux, NLM, were not present for the picture.

Thirteen NIH employees recently passed their high school equivalency exam, the General Educational Development Examination, after participating in the NIH Adult Education Program. At a ceremony held on Dec. 15, Edward E. Nicholas, Jr., commended them for their achievement and reconfirmed NIH’s continued commitment to this on-campus program.

Adult Education is offered to NIH employees who were previously unable to complete their high school education.

A recent graduate, Freddie Harris, NICHID, left high school 17 years ago when he fell in love, married, and found a job to support his family. During the past 3½ years, Mr. Harris once again found himself in the classroom.

Before enrolling in the NIH Adult Education Program, Mr. Harris was unable to help his kids with their homework. One son considered “dropping out.”

Mr. Harris proudly reports that, in addition to assisting with algebra, reducing the toll presently exacted by Cooley’s anemia, the Division of Blood Diseases and Resources has assembled a distinguished group of consultants with expertise both in Cooley’s anemia research and in patient care.

These consultants represent a wide array of disciplines and interests.

The group, which held its first meeting in October, will hold additional meetings this winter. A preliminary report will be transmitted to the Congress in the spring of 1978, and a final report will be available in the late summer or fall of 1978.

NIH participants include Dr. Wolf Zueker, director of the Division of Blood Diseases and Resources, and Dr. W. French Anderson, chief of the Molecular Hematology Branch.

For information about NIH’s Adult Education Program, employees should contact their personnel representative or Milt Tipperman, DPM, 31, Room B2-C229, 496-2146.

NIH Visiting Scientists Program Participants

12/1—Dr. Kunihiko Kator, Japan, Laboratory of Comparative and Cellular Biology. Sponsor: Dr. Richard Cutler, NIA, Gerontology Research Center, Baltimore.
12/9—Dr. Jutaka Morita, Japan, Laboratory of Microbiology and Immunology. Sponsor: Dr. William Hook, NIDR, Bg. 10, Room 2B06.
12/5—Dr. Catherine E. Morris, Canada, Laboratory of Biophysics. Sponsor: Dr. Daniel Gilbert, NINCDS, Bg. 86, Room A2A1.
12/12—Dr. Maria-Teresa Borras, Spain, Laboratory of Central Nervous System Studies. Sponsor: Dr. Clarence J. Gibbs, NINCDS, Bg. 36, Room AA15.
12/10—Dr. Anna Maria De Giu­li, Italy, Laboratory of Preclinical Pharmacology. Sponsor: Dr. Er­ minio Costa, NIMH, WAW Bg., St. Elizabeths.
12/15—Dr. Taketoshi Taniguchi, Japan, Laboratory of Molecular Biology. Sponsor: Dr. Benoit de Crombrugge, NCI, Bg. 37, Room 2E24.
12/21—Dr. Sharma Sheela, India, Laboratory of Environmental Biophysics. Sponsor: Dr. J. Carl Barrett, NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Graffiti—You can’t get Blood from a TURNIP, don’t be a TURNIP!
High Blood Pressure Levels Found Lower In Better Educated

Analysis of blood pressure levels measured by the Hypertension Detection and Follow-up Program on 158,906 adults in 14 U.S. communities confirms that the greater the number of school years completed, the lower the prevalence of high blood pressure.

The education "effect" may operate through factors such as dietary or other behavioral differences (e.g., higher salt intake or being overweight) being overweight, which is consistently associated with hypertension, is more common in the least educated.

Initiated in 1971

The Hypertension Detection and Follow-up Program was initiated by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in 1971 to determine the effectiveness of antihypertensive and sustained antihypertensive therapy in reducing the number of deaths associated with high blood pressure in the general population of these 14 communities.

Although the inverse relationship between blood pressure and education had been noted in earlier studies, these studies did not permit the examination of this relationship in a large biracial population where age and weight could also be considered, and where significant numbers of both blacks and whites at various levels of educational attainment could be included.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is far more prevalent in blacks than in the U.S. as a whole, and the communities were selected to provide a higher proportion of blacks in the study population (26 percent) than in the general U.S. population (12.5 percent).

The hypertensive individuals were defined as those with a diastolic pressure of 95 millimeters of mercury or higher and those whose diastolic pressure was under 55 who were currently taking antihypertensive drugs.

About 23 percent of the total study population were found to be hypertensive, and about twice as many blacks as whites (37.4 percent vs. 18.0 percent). Hypertension was found to be 40 percent less prevalent in college graduates than in those with less than 10 years of schooling. This difference is considerably stronger in blacks, especially under age 50. Among the youngest blacks (30-39 years), college graduates have hypertension prevalence rates of about 50 percent lower than those with less than 10 years formal schooling.

These early findings appeared in the November 1977 American Journal of Epidemiology under the title Race, Education and Prevalence of Hypertension.

DR. LEVENTHAL

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program in chemotherapy of brain tumors.

In 1968 Dr. Leventhal was selected as assistant to Dr. Robert W. Berliner, then NIH Director of Laboratories and Clinics. He was closely associated with Dr. Berliner for the next 6 years with particular responsibility for intramural research administration.

Previous Post Held

Dr. Leventhal served as Acting Deputy Director for Science, NIH, for the 6 months preceding that position.

A graduate of Harvard College and the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, he was a resident in medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and in neurology and neuropathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital prior to joining NIH.

Blood Drive Is Planned Jan. 19 at Landow Bldg.

The Clinical Center Blood Bank and the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a joint blood drive Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Landow Bldg. from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Conference Room C418/414.

Seek New Donors

The blood drive is to recruit new donors working off the NIH reservation at the Landow Bldg., and at the same time give regular NIH blood donors in that building the opportunity to donate.

For further information or an appointment, call the CC Blood Bank, 496-1048.

NIH'ers Discuss Planning For Bldg. 13 at Design Seminar Held This Week

A 2-day seminar sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts is being held Jan. 9 and 10 to encourage Federal officials to upgrade the quality of the work environment through use of professional designers.

Alfred Perkins and Charles Blumberg of the Engineering Design Branch, Division of Engineering Services, are representing NIH at the seminar. They will provide a case study presentation of a recently completed program for environmental upgrading and space realignment for Bldg. 13.

Emphasis will be placed on the design process employed which included a multi-disciplinary team approach and user participation in determining the scope of the program.

This project for Bldg. 13 is one of several in progress for NIH facilities as part of a recently initiated DES program of improving the quality of the work environment.

Buses to Campus Schedule For Dr. King Day Program

NIH employees may take Gray Line buses to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Program on Jan. 13 (see page 1) as scheduled below:

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NIH Technician Retires After 25 Years in Gov’t.

In addition to her competence as a dental hygienist, Lautenberger will be remembered for her extraordinary kindness and her unfailing good nature.

Libby Lautenberger, health technician of the Clinical Dental Services Section, National Institute of Dental Research, retired at the end of December after more than 25 years of Government service.

Worked at Walter Reed

Before joining the NIDR staff in 1959, she had served as a dental assistant for over 8 years at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Through her years at NIH, Mrs. Lautenberger worked as an assistant to four NIDR prosthodontists as they served the needs of the patients of the Clinical Center.

In retirement, she expects to travel extensively, spend more time with her family, and pursue her numerous hobbies.

Technical Rule Changes To ‘Research Service Awards’ Broaden Scope

Technical amendments to the regulations governing National Research Service Awards were published in the Dec. 16, 1977 Federal Register.

Earlier legislation authorized the HEW Secretary to make National Research Service Awards directly to individuals for biomedical and behavioral research and research training, and grants to institutions to enable them to make National Research Service Awards to individuals for such research and research training.

Amend Regulations

Former regulations have been amended to broaden the scope of National Research Service Awards by including programs administered by the Division of Nursing, Health Resources Administration, and by removing the “non-Federal” limitation on institutional eligibility for awards.

The new regulations also modify the service payback and recovery requirements for recipients of awards.

Dr. Allen P. Kaplan (r), chief of NIAID’s Allergic Diseases Section of the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation, discusses drug-induced asthma with Drs. Andrzei Szczeklik (l) and Ryssard Gryglewski of the Copernicus Academy of Medicine, Krakow, Poland, during their recent visit to NIH. Dr. Kaplan is project officer on Dr. Szczeklik’s study entitled “Aspirin-Sensitive Asthma and Prostaglandin Biosynthesis.” This work is funded through PL-480 funds, Special Foreign Currency Program Branch, Fogarty International Center, under the U.S.-Polish Joint Committee for Cooperation in the Field of Health.
Westwood Employees Protest Proposed Parking Fees, Uncorrected Building Conditions

Approximately 300 NIH employees who work in the Westwood Bldg. formed a picket line on Friday, Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the building located on Westbard Ave. in Bethesda. Reporters, photographers, and camera men from WRC, WTTG, and the Montgomery County Journal were on hand to record the protest to imposition of parking fees as well as hazardous and unsatisfactory conditions in the rental building which have remained uncorrected over several years.

Just before Christmas, NIH'ers learned that the owners of the rental building intended to institute a monthly employee parking charge of $17.50.

The General Services Administration officials which administer the lease notified DHHS on Dec. 7 that the charges would commence on Jan. 1, 1978. Westwood employees notified the NIH Admin on Dec. 7.

Problems Cited

Mr. Schwartz' letter of Dec. 20 in response to GSA officials states, in part...

"Our occupancy of this facility for the past 5 years has been substantially less than satisfactory. Chronic problems with the custodial services, heating and air conditioning, and other environmental conditions have persisted, consequently subjecting our employees to conditions below acceptable standards."

"Understandable, due to exposure to such conditions, the morale of our employees has been and continues to be at a low ebb."

"The decision by the Westwood Building owners to charge our employees for parking after having experienced nearly 14 years of parking withoutcharge is viewed by NIH as being not only unfortunate but unjust."

Lack Alternatives

"... Unlike our other lease holders, the rather remote location of the Westwood Building does not offer other alternatives to our employees. Other choices of parking, on-street, public, or commercial lots simply do not exist. Public transportation likewise is extremely limited and cannot offer a workable or practical solution."

Despite short notice of imposition of the fees and the holiday season, Westwood employees organized almost immediately, posting signs in the hallways and collating almost 50 pages of reported safety hazards, exposed wires, unsanitary conditions, poor lighting and ventilation, lack of maintenance, leaks and damaged walls and ceilings throughout the nine-floor building.

A petition concerning these conditions and the proposed parking fees has been circulated, and employees have pledged funding for legal action.

EAP Counselors Are Available Tuesday Evenings in Bldg. 10

The two counselors of the Employee Assistance Program are available on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Occupational Medical Service unit in Bldg. 10.

Rachelle Mandelbaum and William Woods will be counseling individuals at those hours. Anyone is welcome to drop in. Confidentiality is strictly respected.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS was the musical message brought by Sam Robbins (v) and his accordion on Dec. 23 to Bldg. 31 employees, including Joanna Voight (l) and Lois George (c) of NIAMD.

NAS Committee To Hold Hearing for Comments On Its Training Report

The Committee on a Study of National Needs for Biomedical and Behavioral Research Personnel, National Academy of Sciences, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m. in the NAS auditorium, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the Committee's report, Personnel Needs and Training for Biomedical and Behavioral Research: 1977 Report, and to receive suggestions for the Committee's future work.

Notice of intent to address the Committee or attend as a general participant should reach the Committee by Jan. 15. The Committee invites written statements and comments from the floor.

Single copies of the report are available from the Committee, Room JH 717 at the above address, zip code 20201.

For further information, contact Robert G. Snyder at (202) 389-6056.

January Is Nat'l Blood Donor Month; New Donors Needed

President Jimmy Carter—a blood donor himself—has proclaimed January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

At NIH, over 10,000 pints of blood are needed annually to cover patient care, NIH employees and their families.

The Clinical Center Blood Bank wishes to thank all NIH employees, their families, and friends for donating throughout 1977.

Anyone interested in becoming a blood donor for 1978 is welcome to call the CC Blood Bank at 496-1048 for an appointment.

Dr. Fredrickson, Sec. Califano Honored by Univ. of Michigan

HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr. and NIH Director Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson received honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan, on Dec. 18.

Dr. Fredrickson's citation states, in part..."Dr. Fredrickson honored the University of Michigan in 1948 by accepting our Bachelor of Science degree. Three years later he honored us again by accepting our degree, Doctor of Medicine."

"... In this age of specialization, Dr. Fredrickson has achieved distinction in such diverse fields as cardiology, molecular diseases, nutrition, metabolism, preventive medicine, and medical education."

"... [He] therefore, today gives the University of Michigan its third opportunity to honor itself by honoring him with the degree Doctor of Science."

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