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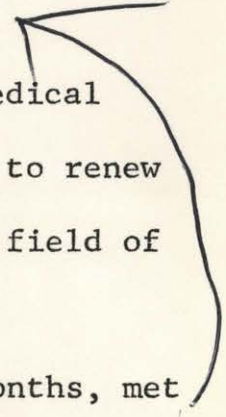
CHICAGO--A joint liaison committee of the American Medical Association and the National Medical Association has agreed to renew cooperative efforts toward improving human relations in the field of medicine.

The joint committee, after a lapse of some several months, met again to review improvements which have occurred in the interim and to determine how still-unresolved problems of racial discrimination in medicine can be met.

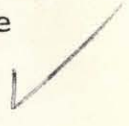
Spokesmen for the two groups, which have overlapping memberships, said they will work together in a diligent effort to improve further human relations in the provision of medical care to patients and in other areas of medicine.

They also agreed to intensify their efforts to recruit more qualified young people of all races for careers in medicine and allied professions.

The meeting included discussions of problems of racial discrimination where they exist in hospital staff appointments, in memberships in medical societies and in patient care, particularly in hospitals.



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NMA representatives said that discrimination in residency training programs in surgery presented a particularly acute problem.

They also said that discrimination in medicine was not limited to the South and that in a number of areas there was evidence of token gestures at ending discrimination, such as the appointment of a single Negro physician to a hospital staff.

AMA representatives renewed their request that the NMA submit cases of discrimination, with appropriate documentation, to the AMA for action.

Members of the liaison committee include:

National Medical Association--Dr. Leonidas Berry, Chicago, NMA President; Dr. John L. S. Holloman, New York, President-Elect; Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, N.C., Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Emery L. Rann, Charlotte, N.C., Speaker of the House of Delegates; Dr. Jasper Williams, Chicago; Dr. William H. Grant, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. John A. Kenney, Jr., Washington, D.C.

American Medical Association--Dr. James Z. Appel, Lancaster, Pa., AMA President; Dr. Charles L. Hudson, Cleveland, President-Elect; Dr. Percy Hopkins, Chicago, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. F. J. L. Blasingame, Executive Vice President.

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