

The "Flying Black Medics" of Chicago headed by Dr. Leonidas H. Berry flew <sup>date!</sup> into Cairo on Sunday, February 15, with a team of over thirty medics and specialists for a task force on health in Cairo and surrounding area. The medics sat up a one day clinic at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church on 17th St. utilizing the entire church basement and sanctuary.

The basement was divided into small compartments where each doctor saw the patients in his field after they had completed the full line of examinations.

The sanctuary was buzzing with audio-visual aids such as slides, films, along with lectures on health. A panel discussion followed on the topic, "Established and Innovated Proposals for Improvement of Health Care in Cairo and Vicinity". This panel was moderated by Leonidas H. Berry, M.D., Chicago, Director of the Health Commission of the A.M.E. Church and past president of the National Medical Association. Discussants were; Jasper Williams, M.D., of Williams Clinic Inc., The Rev. Charles Koen, Director, United Front, Cairo; Audfey Connor, M.D., Dan Williams, Neighborhood Health Center, Chicago and ~~Ralph Hines~~, M.D., Vice President Meharry Medical College, Nashville. *FRANK Perry* *Chm. Dept med.*

Concluding the day was a conference discussion period on "Health Facilities for the poor and Disadvantaged in Cairo and Alexander County", with Miss Hattie B. Kendrick, Church Social Action Commission, presiding. Participants were Leon Page of the United Front, "Health Status and Population Characteristic of Cairo and Adjacent Counties"; Preston Ewing, Jr. of the NAACP spoke on "Evidences of Inadequate Delivery of Health Care to the Poor and Disadvantaged". Finalizing the discussion was the Rev. Blaine Ramsey of the Community Action Staff, Illinois Council of Churches, whose subject was, "The Challenge of the Church and Race Relations in the Delivery of Health Care".

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