LAW and HEALTH



Every health administrator faces legal problems in his day-to-day administration of public health programs. Each year brings new Federal and State legislation, local ordinances, administrative regulations, and directives of supervisory boards as well as court decisions vitally affecting health services administration. In recognition of the growing importance of law as a resource in meeting modern health needs, the University of California and the Western Branch of the American Public Health Association sponsored the first training program in public health law to be offered to health personnel in all the western States. In cooperation with the 13 western State health departments, the Institute on Public Health Law was held December 12-14, 1963, at the University of California, Los Angeles. It was supported by a grant for short-term training under the Public Health Traineeship Program of the Public Health Service.

The institute focused on the law of organized health services. In concurrent sessions public health leaders outlined the main problems with legal implications in environmental health and in personal health services. Attorneys expert in these fields presented papers on the pertinent legislation, court decisions, and legal issues. Following each lecture small work groups, with co-leaders from the fields of health and law, analyzed cases and statutes relevant to each particular field.

The exchange of information, ideas, and points of view between health service personnel and attorneys proved to be extremely valuable and may even have resulted in some meeting of the minds. Certainly, continued and expanded interdisciplinary work in the fields of health and law is greatly needed to insure a sound foundation for modern health services in our complex society.

With the assistance of Ruth Roemer and George McKray of the Schools of Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles and Berkeley, the papers are being published in the following pages of Public Health Reports to make them available to a wider audience than those attending the institute.—Lenor S. Goerke, M.D., dean, School of Public Health, University of California at Los Angeles.



Cases Discussed by Institute Work Groups

Sanitation

- 1. Goldblatt v. Town of Hempstead, 369 U.S. 590 (1962), affirming, 9 N.Y. 2d 101, 211 N.Y.S. 2d 185, 172 N.E. 2d 562 (1961).
- 2. Reid v. City of Niagara Falls, 29 Misc. 2d 855, 216 N.Y.S. 2d 850 (Sup. Ct. 1961); Lacy v. City of Des Moines, 113 N.W. 279 (Iowa 1962).
- 3. Board of Health v. Crew, 212 Md. 229, 129 A. 2d 115 (1957); Co-Pilot Enterprises v. Suffolk County Dept. of Health, 38 Misc. 2d 894, 239 N.Y.S. 2d 248 (Sup. Ct. 1963).
- 4. Givner v. Commissioner of Health, 207 Md. 184, 113 A. 2d 899 (1955).
- 5. People v. Stover, 12 N.Y. 2d 462, 191 N.E. 2d 272 (1963), app. dismissed, 84 Sup. Ct. 147 (1963).

Air Pollution Control

- 1. Northwestern Laundry v. Des Moines, 239 U.S. 486 (1916).
- People v. International Steel Corp., 102 Cal. App. 2d Supp. 935, 226 P. 2d 587 (1951).
- 3. Huron Portland Cement Co. v. Detroit, 362 U.S. 440 (1960).
- 4. Penn-Dixie Cement Corp. v. City of Kingsport, 189 Tenn. 450, 225 S.W. 2d 270 (1949).

Water Pollution Control

- 1. In the Matter of the Pollution of the Interstate Waters of the Missouri River and Connecting or Tributary Waters in or Adjacent to the Kansas Cities Metropolitan Area. Facts taken from conference held Dec. 3, 1957, in Kansas City, Mo., and entitled "Pollution of the Interstate Waters, Missouri River, Kansas City Metropolitan Area." Transcripts of conference on file in office of the Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C.
- 2. U.S. v. City of St. Joseph, Mo., Docket No. 1077, U.S. Dist. Ct., W. Dist. Mo., St. Joseph Div., decided Oct. 31, 1961.
- 3. In the Matter of the Pollution of the Interstate Waters of the Missouri River between Gavins Point Dam, S.D., and Omaha, Nebr. Facts taken from con-

ference held July 24, 1958, in Sioux City, Iowa, and entitled "Pollution of Interstate Waters, Missouri River, River Miles 846.5–642.3 Inclusive." Transcripts of conference on file in office of the Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C. See ancilliary action, City of Sioux City, Iowa v. Flemming, Docket No. 1127 Civil, U.S Dist. Ct., N. Dist, Iowa, Western Div., decided March 19. 1959.

4. City of Eufaula, Ala. v. U.S., 313 F. 2d 745 (5th Cir. 1963).

Medical Care

- California Physicians' Service v. Garrison, 28 Cal. 2d 790, 172 P. 2d 4 (1946).
- 2. Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound v. King County Medical Society, 39 Wash. 2d 586, 237 P. 2d 737 (1951).
- 3. Coverage and Exclusions under Hospital or Medical Service (Blue Cross-Blue Shield) Contracts, 81 A.L.R. 2d 927 (1962).

Hospital Law

- 1. Falcone v. Middlesex County Medical Society, 34 N.J. 582, 170 A. 2d 791 (1961).
- 2. Wilmington General Hospital v. Manlove, 174 A. 2d 135 (Del. 1961).
- 3. *Hoener* v. *Bertinato*, 67 N.J. Super. 517, 171 A. 2d 140 (Juvenile and Dom. Rel. Ct., Bergen Co., 1961).
- 4. Magit v. Board of Medical Examiners, 57 Cal. 2d 74, 366 P. 2d 816 (1961).

General Public Health

- 1. Pierce v. Board of Education of City of Fulton, 30 Misc. 2d 1039, 219 N.Y.S. 2d 519 (Sup. Ct. 1961); Mountain Lakes Board of Education v. Mass., 56 N.J. Super. 245, 152 A. 2d 394 (Super. Ct., App. Div., 1959).
- 2. Nieman v. Upper Queens Medical Group, 220 N.Y.S. 2d 129 (City Ct. of N.Y.C., Spec. Term, Bronx Co., 1961).
- 3. Planned Parenthood Committee v. Maricopa County, 92 Ariz. 231, 375 P. 2d 719 (1962).