

STATEMENT OF DR. H. MARVIN POLLARD, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS; ACCOMPANIED BY DR. EDWARD C. ROSENOW, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. POLLARD. I think to open with I will read this prepared statement word by word, and then we will proceed from there if there are any questions.

My name is Dr. H. Marvin Pollard, and I am the president of the American College of Physicians. I am also a professor of medicine at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. With me is Dr. Edward C. Rosenow, Jr., the executive director of the American College of Physicians. He holds a faculty appointment at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine as a clinical professor of medicine. The comments I wish to make are my own.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The American College of Physicians is a corporation organized under the State laws of Delaware in 1915 for educational and scientific purposes and except under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The college has, at the present time, approximately 15,000 members throughout the United States and Canada, with a few members located in Mexico and the Central American countries. All of the members are specialists in internal medicine and allied specialties. The headquarters office is in Philadelphia, Pa.

The object of the college, as stated in its constitution, is to maintain an organization of qualified in the field is to maintain an organization of qualified physicians in the field of internal medicine and its allied specialties for the following purposes:

1. Maintaining and advancing the highest possible standards in medical education, medical practice, and research.
2. Preserving the history of perpetuating the best traditions of medicine and medical ethics.
3. Maintaining both the dignity of internal medicine and the efficiency of its function in relation to public welfare.

All of the educational activities of the college are open to non-member physicians as well as members and all of the financial aid programs such as scholarships, fellowships, and residency loans are available only to nonmember. The ultimate beneficiary of all of these programs is the general public.

In order to carry out these functions, the college conducts numerous seminars and postgraduate courses. These are presented throughout the year and are held at various locations in the United States and Canada. There are numerous regional meetings during the year, conducted for the benefit of the college members and nonmember physicians. Once each year a large national scientific meeting is held, which lasts for 5 days, with four large scientific sessions going on simultaneously. The meeting last year, in Boston, in April of 1968, attracted 3,159 college members and 2,073 nonmember physicians.

The college publishes a monthly medical journal, called the Annals of Internal Medicine which contains scientific articles and reports of new developments of importance to its readers. This outstanding medical journal is distributed all over the United States and, in fact, all