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Senator NELSON. What company was that?

Dr. ROSENOW. I would have to rely on my memory for this, but I can furnish this for you. I really would prefer to go and look it up and submit it to you.

Senator NELSON. Would you submit it for the record?

Dr. ROSENOW. Yes. And I would be glad, if you would like, to give you information about any other ads that we have refused.¹

Senator NELSON. Thank you.

Dr. POLLARD. There are other activities of the college worthy of note, all intended to make physicians better able to administer to the health requirements of the public. Teaching and research scholarships are granted for a period of 3 years. The 1969 budget contains \$116,500 for this purpose. A residency loan fund of over \$200,000 is used to assist young physicians to pursue graduate training in accredited institutions. Annual appropriations are made to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, by the American College of Physicians in cooperation with other national medical associations, to underwrite the administrative costs of this organization which seeks to assure the general public of receiving highest quality medical care when hospital confinement is necessary. The appropriation for 1969 is \$43,253.

An innovation in medical education was started by the college 2 years ago. The medical knowledge self-assessment program is a very comprehensive examination of approximately 700 questions covering the entire field of internal medicine. The physician, on a purely voluntary basis, answers the questions, then takes the correct answers out of a sealed envelope and marks his own answers. The confidential nature of the assessment encouraged 11,000 physicians, both members and nonmembers, to participate.

Senator NELSON. May I ask a question there?

Dr. POLLARD. Yes.

Senator NELSON. How many members did you say are affiliated with the American college?

Dr. ROSENOW. Just under 15,000.

Senator NELSON. And how many of your own members took the self-assessment examination?

Dr. ROSENOW. 6,375.

Senator, I might qualify this a little bit by stating this, that we have about 4,000 of our members who are in allied medical specialties who might not take this examination. For example, dermatologists, neurologists, psychiatrists, radiologists, and pathologists belong to our college and are a part of the total number, so they would not be expected to. I think the 6,375 realistically represents a little more than 60 percent of the ones who would benefit by taking this one.

Senator NELSON. I notice that a couple of clinics with which I am familiar require their physicians to take the self-assessment exam. Is this a widespread practice?

Dr. POLLARD. I will answer that. I think that it will be increasingly widespread. As I go on in this description here you will find that it is being adopted not only in this country but in areas overseas. So I

¹ See information beginning at p. 4734, *infra*.