

Dr. COHELAN. Well, this is just, you know, a trial balloon and the only thing I really have control over is psychiatric nursing and there is a terrific shortage there, so we have limited it to psychiatric nursing. We will teach the two clinical courses the first summer, two more clinical courses, working with patients, and so on, the following summer, and then as it stands now, the student would come for two other semesters during the year whenever she can arrange it. If the demand is as great as it appears to be, we may have to modify further and offer the other courses so that all of the work can be completed in the summer.

Mr. ROGERS. Well, I would think this perhaps would be a good approach and maybe we should try to encourage this throughout the nation.

Dr. COHELAN. The University of Florida was very forward looking but one of their problems was that they required the graduate record examination which may in my opinion, test a different kind of ability than a nurse coming into a masters program brings. At Maryland and at many other institutions, we do not have that, so that this may account for some of the problems. You know, it depends on the university graduate school requirements. But they were the first ones who thought of it and I have heard from them recently how many they are getting but we have all been hoping and praying that this, too, would catch on, and if it does, these both will be demonstration projects and I would hope that across the Nation the other 50 graduate programs would do a similar thing. I hope we can expand it into other clinical areas, not just in psychiatry.

Mr. ROGERS. Is there any reason why your association could not advise State agencies on accrediting? In other words, have some representative work out some arrangement were a representative confers with a State agency?

Dr. COHELAN. I would rather not speak to that myself. The National League for Nursing is the accrediting body and they are going to give testimony. Is there anything you want to say, Miss Thompson?

Miss THOMPSON. No.

Mr. ROGERS. Thank you.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you very much for being with us and helping us make the record.

Dr. COHELAN. Thank you. It has been a real pleasure.

Mr. JARMAN. Our next witness is Mr. Lewis Blair, St. Luke's Methodist Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, appearing for the American Hospital Association.

STATEMENT OF LEWIS BLAIR, REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY KENNETH WILLIAMSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Mr. BLAIR. Mr. Chairman, I am Lewis B. Blair, superintendent of St. Luke's Methodist Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I appear in behalf of the American Hospital Association. Accompanying me is Kenneth Williamson, associate director of the association and Director of its Washington Service Bureau.