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WILL REFORM PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM;  
START ANTICANCER CAMPAIGN

MERGE HOSPITALS, POLYCLINICS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 23 Nov 50

Heretofore, health institutions throughout Bulgaria have not been identified according to a single system of nomenclature, and frequently the name did not coincide with the purpose of the establishment. These divergencies handicapped the proper distribution of personnel, as well as accurate planning and supervision of public health institutions. Another outcome of the chaotic conditions was the existence of independent institutions, unwarranted by any actual requirements. The dislocation and dispersion of health establishments has also contributed to their poor condition and obsolete equipment. The isolated, independent status of some dispensaries and polyclinics also brings about the undue dispersion of doctors and deprives the population in some areas of proper medical care. On the other hand, the social reforms established since 9 September 1944 have raised the medical requirements of the working class. Because of all these factors the public health system must be reorganized and improved.

The excellent results of the Soviet public health reform, introduced 3 years ago, have shown that the best method is to introduce a permanent nomenclature according to categories, identifying the class and assignment of the institutions, and merging hospitals with dispensaries and polyclinics. According to Soviet experience, this unification process has considerably improved the examination of patients, diagnosis, medical documentation, and the qualifications of medical personnel.

The merging of hospitals and polyclinics throughout Bulgaria will be accomplished under the new budget for 1951. Heretofore, every hospital had a dispensary, from which patients were referred to the hospital, whereas polyclinics had an independent status and did not cooperate with the hospitals. Henceforth, the dispensaries will be suspended and every hospital will be connected with a polyclinic, which will refer patients to hospitals.

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Doctors in polyclinics had not been granted any special status, whereas they will now be members of the permanent staff of the hospital to which they are assigned and will work both at the polyclinic and at the hospital.

TRAIN CANCER SPECIALISTS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 24 Nov 50

The campaign against cancer was started 1 November 1950 with one-month oncological courses to train medical specialists, who will subsequently head, the okrug cancer clinics. The clinics will be put in operation at the end of 1950. Special cancer departments will be opened in 1951 in every large polyclinic in all okoliya centers.

One of the most important measures envisaged by the Ministry of Health is a mass medical examination of the population over 30 years of age. Individuals with cancer will immediately be referred to hospitals for treatment. The campaign will be conducted by the Ministry of Health, the okrug people's soviets, the Academy of Medicine, the Oncological Institute, and the Oncological Scientific Committee.

Soviet experience in the fight against cancer will be followed closely, under the leadership of Soviet Professor Anfilogov, who is at present visiting Bulgaria.

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