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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Many things are rapidly happening in the field of technology and we must keep ourselves informed of the events that involve our field of service. We can be sure that the well-informed technologist is more able to deal with the problems of technology and also to capably carry on the business affairs of technology. I would like to urge each technologist to keep himself or herself well informed on the current events at this time, especially in the field of legislation.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS WORKSHOP

(as noted in the December 1970 issue
of A.S.R.T. Scanner)

A report of the Professional Affairs Workshop was given by Leslie Wilson, R.T., A.S.R.T. President. This meeting was held December 2-3 in Chicago, and, as Mr. Wilson has stated, was a great success. In addition to being self-supporting, the material was well presented and interesting. The information brought to the 113 registered would be valuable to all technologists regardless of their interest or disinterest in the collective bargaining process. The program was scheduled for a two-fold purpose. First, to provide education to technologists regarding collective bargaining and labor laws to protect those technologists threatened with a takeover by industrial labor union, or to enable those already taken over to extract themselves. Second, to provide preliminary background information to those technologists who are consider-

ing turning to collective bargaining. Collective bargaining is being used more among professional groups as each year passes; the threat of unionization is real in many areas of the country, and far too many of us do not realize it. Large industrial unions have earmarked huge reserves to be used to organize the health field. The board of directors is not pushing collective bargaining, or are they telling their affiliate societies that they should establish bargaining units and become bargaining agents. This is a choice that must be made by local organizations and state societies; however, it must be recognized that in some areas of the country such a move may be the only means for redress that technologists may have for improvement of their working conditions or salaries. The A.S.R.T. will not become a bargaining agent. The Professional Affairs Program has been established to aid those areas wishing to enter into bargaining activities. It is realized that to a segment of the membership, such activity will be viewed with dismay, while to another segment it will be viewed with exuberant enthusiasm. To those technologists wishing to enter the realm of collective bargaining, they are urged to do so with caution, armed with education in the bargaining process and finances to carry through; and to be fully aware of the difficulties that may be encountered. Such activity is not to be entered into lightly; once it is begun there is no turning back. This can only be accomplished by a strong, unified and determined group. There is enough for all of us to do in the sectors of education, legislation, and socioeconomics, to keep all of us busy. The primary point to remember is that we are all technologists, and as such our sticking together is the only way we can achieve success in educational, legislative, or socio-economic matters.

A.C.R. COMMISSION MEETS IN CHICAGO

The Commission on Technologist Affairs is a part of the American College of Radiology. The Commission is divided into a number of committees. There are technologist members of each of the committees, and there is one technologist member of the Commission itself. It is within this organizational framework that some of the joint projects of technology and radiology are developed or completed. The Commission on Technologist Affairs met on Sunday, November 29, in Chicago. There were a number of reports given about new programs in radiologic technology. These programs are directed toward teaching technologists advanced procedures and techniques that they do not now perform. The purpose of these programs is to learn how much additional work technologists will be able to absorb, so that radiology will be better able to meet the needs of the health care system, even though radiologists are in short supply. The results were reported as indicated in the A.S.R.T. Scanner of December 1970 that the Department of Labor is taking a new look at whether or not technologists are appropriately and adequately covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act. Also at this same meeting the Commission reaffirmed its position that it is not in favor of licensure for technologists; but if licensure is inevitable they will favor the "California" type of legislation. The California Licensure Law permits limited licensure and special permits; whereas the New York Law, for instance, does not. The Committee on Radiation Therapy presented a set of job descriptions and a syllabus which were accepted by the Commission. The Committee on Nuclear Medicine presented job descriptions for approval, and gave a report on its progress in developing a syllabus which it will try to have completed by June 1971.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF M.S.R.T. WITH M.R.S.

Officers and Board of Directors of M.S.R.T. met with the Directors of the Missouri Radiologic Society on January 22, 1971. The meeting was held in

St. Louis, Missouri, with Dr. Charles E. Schopfner as chairman. The purpose of the meeting was to get the opinion, approval and support of radiologists for the technologists' proposal and job description as it was discussed at the last annual business meeting held in Columbia. It was reported at this meeting that the Board of Directors of the Missouri Radiologic Society is in agreement with the technologists' proposal and offer their support; but at the present time it has not been brought before their general membership. It was suggested by the Board of Directors of the M.S.R.T. that a vote of the Missouri Radiologic Society to approve and put into force their support of the proposal be offered at their next general meeting which is to be April 16, 1971. The M.S.R.T. were assured at this meeting that we would NOT receive any support from radiology on unionism.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF M.S.R.T. JANUARY 22, 1971

A meeting of the Board of Directors and officers of M.S.R.T. was held on January 22, 1971, following the meeting with the Missouri Society of Radiologists. A report was given by Gary Brink, R.T., and Warren Dixon, R.T., and Robert Ryan, R.T., concerning the Professional Affairs Workshop held in Chicago on December 7, 1970. This workshop was sponsored by the A.S.R.T. and the purpose of the professional affairs workshop is to try to make all of the radiologic technologists in the United States aware of the threat posed by industrial unions to our profession. In this meeting it was mentioned that it was possible to meet with technologists in local hospitals, and that these meetings could be led by informed members of the M.S.R.T., and adequate and accurate information be taken to every technologist possible in our state, since there are many things many technologists are unaware of concerning unions and the field of technology. It was approved at this meeting that the acts of this meeting and a summary of the Professional Affairs Workshop be sent to all technologists and student technologists in the state. President Darrell McKay, R.T., appointed a Professional Affairs

Advisory Committee consisting of Robert Ryan, R.T., Chairman, with Gary Brink, R.T., and Warren Dixon, R.T. If more information is needed or possibly a meeting conducted by one of these technologists, please contact them that the proper arrangements may be made.

TECHNOLOGISTS' EMERGENCY TRAVEL NOT DEDUCTIBLE

Automobile expenses incurred when answering emergency hospital calls are not a deductible business expense. The tax court holds that this expense is an ordinary cost.

PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope is looking for technologists. Further information may be obtained by writing to Miss Carol MacLean, Project Hope, Department of Medical Education, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20007.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF M.S.R.T.

The Board of Directors and Officers of M.S.R.T. met in the Central Missouri Medical Services Building, Rolla, Missouri, January 16, 1971. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by President Darrell McKay, R.T. Minutes were read by Henry Cashion, R.T., and approved as corrected. Treasurer's Report by Lee Cundiff, R.T., was given with the balance on hand January 15, 1971, as \$1,847.55. Total members was given as 356, of which only 207 are active members. Mary Sebacher, R.T., reported on an education workshop at the University of Missouri, April 23-24 for which a fee of \$20.00 will be charged. Mailings will be sent out by the University, hopefully to each tech-

nologist. Linda Thornton, R.T., reported on membership and asked for any new approach that could be used to recruit technologists into our membership. Sister Francita, the Eastern Counselor, reported that there are seven new members in the A.S.R.T. for December from her area. Phyllis Mcnerney reported on the 1971 convention to be held at the Ramada Inn on U.S. 66 in St. Louis, Missouri, and the date will be set aside for September 30 through October 2. A block of 75 rooms will be held for it. Motion was made and passed to accept the dates.

It was decided at this meeting not to accept any money from the radiologists in support of this meeting. Ruth Hess, R.T., reported that she had been asked by the A.S.R.T. for the M.S.R.T. to sponsor a luncheon on Monday, July 12, in honor of the past president of A.S.R.T., Les Wilson. It is customary for the state in which the outgoing president resides to sponsor such a luncheon. Motion was passed that this be done, and Ruth Hess is the chairman of this event.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF M.S.R.T.

The next scheduled meeting of the officers and Board of Directors of M.S.R.T. is to be at 8:00 P.M., April 22, 1971, in Columbia, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn East. This meetint is scheduled to be held the night before the workshop begins.

PROGRESS THROUGH UNITY is the theme for the 43rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Make plans now to attend this meeting which will be held July 10-15, 1971, in the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

EXHIBIT AWARDS M.S.R.T. 38th ANNUAL CONVENTION

R.T. CATEGORY:

1st - Robbin Musgrave, R.T. - exhibit of the

scapula - axial shoulder
North Kansas City, Missouri

2nd - Ann Martz, R.T. - exhibit of The Knee
Arthrography
Malinkrodt - St. Louis, Missouri

STUDENT CATEGORY:

1st - Nancy Vanderhoofren - Student - exhibit of
the cervical spine
Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

2nd - Patricia Mangiaracina - Student - exhibit
of The Knee and Intercondyloid Fossa
Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.
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NEWS FROM THE SIXTH DISTRICT

The Sixth District Society of Radiologic Technologists combined business with pleasure on the evening of December 8, 1970, by installing 1971 society officers at the Annual Christmas party. Members and guests enjoyed a smorgasbord-buffet dinner at a local Sikeston restaurant followed by the installation ceremony. New officers are: Clara Smith, Chaffee, Chairman; Jean Detring, Farmington, Vice-Chairman; Carolyn Schreiner, Cape Girardeau, Secretary-Treasurer. Glenda Bullinger, Executive Board Official, carried on the rite of installation. 1971 activities for the Sixth District will begin with the January meeting to be held in Farmington.

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