

Richard Jeffries Awarded DeMolay's Highest Honors

The Representative DeMolay Award has been presented to Richard Jeffries by the Redondo Beach chapter of the Order of DeMolay. The award is the highest self-achievement distinction a member of DeMolay can earn. Jeffries received the award as a public ceremony conducted by Doug Freeland, Master Councilor of the Redondo Beach chapter. Assisting Freeland were Michael Meltebecke, John Glatt, Albert McCracken, and Alan Wagstaff. All are Representative DeMolay Award winners.

A special "Hats Off" award was presented to Orin Carroll in appreciation for his outstanding efforts in behalf of the Redondo Beach chapter.

RECORD SPENDING

Federal government spending for highway, air and water transport will hit a record \$5.8 billion this year, a study by the Association of American Railroads discloses. The spending total, now nearly five times such outlays of 10 years ago, represents an increase of more than \$400 million over 1965.

Isolation of TB Victims A Throwback to Old Times

The medical profession in general isn't taking enough interest in a very troublesome disease, according to an eminent citizen whose right to discuss the matter would be hard to dispute. Dr. Carl Muschenheim, an authority on tuberculosis, points out that TB is by no means a "rare or even uncommon disease." Writing in a medical journal published by the American Thoracic Society (medical section of the National Tuberculosis Association), he suggests that TB

illness and death rates might decrease faster if doctors, particularly internists, considered the disease as much a matter of their concern as the ailments they commonly deal with. How can this be made to happen? One effective way, he believes, would be to get people who run hospitals to "revise obsolete rules which prohibit the admission into general hospitals of patients who need care for tuberculosis."

The idea of sealing off TB patients from the rest of humanity is a throwback to old times when treatment consisted mainly of fresh air, bed rest, and prayer. Today's treatment, using potent drugs, greatly reduces infectiousness. Infection is still a danger from people with TB who haven't been detected and treated, but not from those hospitalized under modern drug therapy. Along with the "overspecialization" of hospitals, says Dr. Muschenheim, goes a tendency to underemphasize TB

in medical training. At present 110,000 Americans have active tuberculosis, more than 50,000 new cases are reported yearly, and about 10,000 former patients relapse. Your Christmas Seal organization believes, with Dr. Carl Muschenheim, that "a re-awakening of interest, particularly in the academic sector of internal medicine, will hasten the rate with which unnecessary death and disability from tuberculosis will disappear from the world." For a timely pamph-

let, "Facts in Brief About TB and RD," write or phone 1670 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 90026 - 483-3220.

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