

Monday, July 5, 1971

NURSING HOMES

Reactions to new state law puzzling

By JOE BLADE
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Highly detailed and comprehensive new regulations for Minnesota nursing homes have been drawn up by the Minnesota Health Department.

Reaction from a broad cross section of nursing-home owners, supporters and critics is expected at a public hearing at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the State Board of Health Building, 717 SE. Delaware St.

Advance remarks are puzzling.

"For a state provision, it's pretty good," says arch nursing-home critic Daphne Krause. Local regulations to meet individual conditions and tighten up some requirements also are needed, she feels.

"It's just putting into words things we've been requiring for some time," says Dr. Helen Knudsen, director of the division of hospital services in the health department.

"They have not," responded Mrs. Krause. "That I'll call the lie on."

She points to a new provision that "one responsible person" at least 21 years old must be on duty at all times. And another requiring

giving medication must be at least 18 and have undergone a written training program.

Employees as young as 16 and 17 have had such duties in nursing homes with which she is familiar, she declares.

No advance comment could be obtained from state organizations that represent nursing and boarding care homes. Boarding care homes provide some personal care for their residents, such as help with dressing or bathing but not the medical services of a nursing home. These homes also fall within many provisions of the regulations.

It is known that nursing-home owners have objected that many of the requirements would cost a good deal of money. They question whether welfare funds would be available to pay the costs.

Why welfare? Because about two-thirds of all nursing-home patients in Minnesota have their nursing-home expenses paid by welfare funds.

More than \$60 million in welfare payments will go this year to Minnesota nursing homes.

Morris Hursh, state welfare director, is skeptical of the chances of raising nursing-home payments.

"Whether they get any more money is a good question," he said, "because we've got a very tight appropriation."

He will make no decision until final regula-

tions are adopted by the State Board of Health after the hearing.

More than half of the new regulations deal with the physical facilities, detailing the exact dimensions of many of the facilities to be provided.

The proposed new regulations run to 140 mimeographed pages. The present rules are listed in a 27-page printed pamphlet.

Effectiveness of the regulations depends on their enforcement. Some nursing home employees have said that inspectors give several days notice before a visit, allowing the homes time to prepare.

Drawing up the new requirements took about two years and more than 20 meetings. All interested parties participated, including critics such as Mrs. Krause, said Tony Kist, state chief of licensing and certifications for medical facilities.

Mrs. Krause, however, said she never attended any meetings on the new regulations. Nor was she asked to submit suggestions, she says, although she had requested permission to do so.

The proposals went through five drafts, and Mrs. Krause says she fears political pressures may have weakened them in the process.

Comparison of the fifth draft with the second, however, shows that changes were made that tighten as well as loosen some requirements.



Krause



Knudsen

Nixon sends assurance to Thieu regime

SAIGON, South Vietnam (UPI) — President Nixon has told South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu that the United States is "not going to be stampeded" out of Vietnam, diplomatic sources said today. It will test the latest Communist peace plan for a simultaneous release of American POWs and withdrawal of American troops before the end of the year.

The diplomatic sources said that U.S. presidential aide Henry Kissinger brought Thieu personal assurances from Mr. Nixon that the United States would continue to support the South Vietnamese government. Kissinger flew to Thailand today after a three-day visit here.

Kissinger told Thieu that the Communist peace plan presented at the Paris talks last week was "enticing" but also full of traps, the sources said. As it stands, the sources quoted Kissinger as saying, the plan is not acceptable, but that Mr. Nixon will make a reasonable counteroffer to see whether the Communists are willing to negotiate.

Kissinger did raise the possibility of a greatly speeded up rate of American troop withdrawals, the sources said—not only with Thieu but with U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and U.S. Vietnam commander Gen. Creighton W. Abrams.

The sources said that no definite conclusions were reached during Kissinger's visit, but that it was possible the withdrawal rate would increase to as many as 20,000 men a month during the next several months.

The sources said the increased rate of withdrawals now being discussed would continue until a "residual force level" was reached in Vietnam, although that level itself has not yet been fixed. Some sources here say the "residual force" would be about 25,000 men, while reports from Washington recently have indicated it could be as little as 4,000 to 5,000 men mainly involved in logistics.

The sources said the swift pull-outs are being contemplated partly in response to the Communist offer, partly to reduce political pressure at home, and partly because of growing fears of the drug and general morale problems in the U.S. military here.

Whatever the pull-out rate becomes, however, Kissinger assured Thieu that there would be strong continued logistical help to the Vietnamese war effort as well as increased U.S. aid to offset economic losses caused by the departures, the sources said.

Briefly

International

Mainz, West Germany — French President Pompidou began two days of talks with Bonn's Chancellor Brandt. Monetary problems and European cooperation are expected to be the main subjects of the quarterly talks.

Crynant, Wales — Nineteen men were injured when a trail car carrying them underground to work ran wild in a coal mine. Most of the injured miners had jumped from the car in panic.

Jakarta — An estimated 50 million Indonesian voters apparently have given President Suharto a vote of confidence and his party a clear majority of seats in the new national Parliament. Initial returns indicated that the biggest loser in the first national election since 1955 was ousted President Sukarno's Indonesian Nationalist Party.

Buenos Aires—Argentine officials say they will try Robert Lee Jackson, a 36-year-old U.S. Navy deserter, who hijacked a Braniff jetliner in Mexico and forced it to make several stops before finally landing and surrendering in the Argentine capital. The United States has asked that Jackson be returned to face American charges. **Details: Page 30B.**

National

Newport, R.I.—After hundreds of young gate-crashers forced the cancellation of Newport Jazz Festival performances over the weekend and today, the event's producer said the annual fete will continue. But, he indicated, next time it'll be at a more secure location. **Details: Page 11B.**

Cambridge Springs, Pa.—Fifteen boxcars, 14 of them carrying partially assembled, highly explosive bombs, were derailed Sunday near this northwestern Pennsylvania town. Police said there were no injuries or no fire.

Weather

There's a chance of a thunderstorm or shower in the Twin Cities area Tuesday under temperatures of about 84. The overnight chance of rain is about 5 percent, rising to 30 percent tomorrow. The low tonight will be 60. **Details: Page 9A.**

MINNEAPOLIS TEMPERATURES

Midnight .. 68	6 a.m. 61
1 a.m. 66	7 a.m. 62
2 a.m. 66	8 a.m. 66
3 a.m. 63	9 a.m. 69
4 a.m. 62	10 a.m. 71
5 a.m. 62	11 a.m. 75

TOMORROW: Little Change

City and state

The major civil rights question of the 1970s will be whether Negroes are allowed access to suburban housing, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, said Sunday at a news conference prior to today's opening of the NAACP's week-long 62nd annual national convention in the Leamington Hotel. **Details: Page 17A.**

Materials taken from two 17-year-old youths arrested in crowded Powderhorn Park Sunday afternoon turned out to be "high rate" homemade explosives, police said today. The explosives were removed from the park by the police bomb squad and detonated in a suburban gravel pit. **Details: Page 9B.**

Southeast Asia

New York—The New York Times in the final article in its series based on top-secret Pentagon studies of the Indochina conflict, said the Eisenhower administration sent agents into North Vietnam "to carry out clandestine warfare," at the same time as it was promising to honor the Geneva Agreement of 1954. **Details: Page 16A.**

Singapore — Vice-President Agnew, here on a diplomatic mission, today predicted a "public relations coup" for the North Vietnamese because of the way the U.S. news media will report a likely pinpoint attack after American forces in Vietnam are sufficiently reduced. **Details: Page 2A.**

Hong Kong—Red China will send more free military equipment and material to North Vietnam this year, according to a Chinese radio report. Without giving details, the broadcast said the supplementary agreement was signed in Peking Sunday.

Saigon — South Vietnamese Vice-President Nguyen Cao Ky, who will seek the presidency in the October election, today named as his running mate Truong Vinh Le, former chairman of the National Assembly under the late president Ngo Dinh Diem. Le is a Roman Catholic.

Sports

Roger Penske's team, including Mark Donohue, won the Trans-Am race, but Penske said he is dissatisfied with the way officials handled the races at Donnybrooke. **Details: Page 12B.**

New proposals may be aimed to calm critics

Many of the new regulations proposed by the Minnesota Health Department for nursing homes seem written with criticism of the homes in mind.

Some accusations that have been made and proposed requirements are:

Too few, too young and untrained employees. "Adequate staff" must be employed to provide proper care. There must be a minimum of two hours of nursing time per patient each day. A full-time registered nurse must be director of nursing service.

New nursing employees must participate in a written orientation program. None can be assigned to tasks for which he has not been trained. No work shall be assigned after an 8-hour work day except for a documented emergency.

(Eliminated from an earlier draft was a requirement that all nursing-home employees be at least 18 years old.)

Patients' needs are not always met. Twelve criteria are set forth to determine adequate care. They include at least a weekly bath, clean skin, assistance with shaving and oral hygiene, trimmed fingernails and toenails, a program of skin care.

REGULATE
Turn to Page 4A

Majority admits it fears racial and street violence

The number of Americans who this summer are "more worried about violence and safety on the streets" in their own community as compared to a year ago has now reached 55 percent, the highest level yet recorded by the Harris Survey in six years of polling on the subject.

Repeatedly, cross sections of the public have been asked an identical question dealing with their sense of personal security. The latest survey was taken in mid-June among a cross section of 1,614 households:

"Compared to a year ago, are you personally worried about violence and safety on the streets, less worried, or do you feel about the same as you did then?"

SAFETY ON THE STREETS

	More Worried	Less Worried	About Same	Not Sure
1971	55%	5%	39%	1%
1968	50	4	42	1
1966	49	3	44	4

A basic question is understanding the source of these anxieties is to determine just how much is due to racial tensions and how much to a growing feeling that crime and lawlessness generally is on the increase. Over the same period of time, the Harris Survey has asked this parallel question dealing specifically with racial fears:

"Does the fear of racial violence make you feel personally more uneasy on the street or not?"



CLANNNNNNNGGGGGGGGG!!—A sledgehammer resounded against a homemade cannon in the name of peace Sunday as two groups of antiwar veterans held a "peace party" and sold swings at their cannon built from highway construction debris. Striking the first blow is Rep. Donald Fraser. Event was staged at Veterans House, 1007 SE. 8th St. More Pictures: Page 17A.

July 4th was pretty much 'just another Sunday'

The clouds hung low over the Twin Cities area for much of the Fourth of July, giving way in late afternoon to clear skies and a long, sunny lovely evening.

Perhaps it was symbolic of brighter days ahead for the United States after the questioning that has taken place recently about the nation whose 195th birthday was celebrated yesterday.

If there was much worry for the United States in the Twin Cities area Sunday, residents didn't show it. Neither was there much flag-waving or speech-making.

The area has retained some of the oldtime outdoor Fourth of July celebrations. Families spread park tables with picnic fare and then vigorously participate in activities or look on until fireworks end the evening.

In five St. Paul parks there were foot races for everyone from boys and girls ages 4 and under to married women.

Blaine offered the "Blazin' Fourth" with carry booths and a parade in which first prize was won by

FOURTH OF JULY
Turn to Page 4A

The Harris Survey

FEARS OF RACIAL VIOLENCE

	Feel Uneasy	Not Uneasy	Not Sure
1971	52%	45%	3%
1968	54	43	3
1966	43	50	7

Fears of racial violence, although down somewhat from the period of Watts, Detroit and Newark, still make a majority of Americans personally uneasy. Putting the two results back-to-back could lead to a quick conclusion that there is a close interrelationship between racial tensions and apprehensions over personal safety on the streets. Certainly to deny any such interplay would be to fly in the face of much experience during the violent 1960s and even during this spring and early summer.

By the same token, it would be a gross distortion of the facts to attribute people's fears of violence on the streets in this country solely to racial causes.

The common stereotype is that white persons are most concerned over their safety and that the "color of street crime" to most whites is black. Yet, when the results of these poll questions are broken down by race, a significant pattern emerges. In the case of "worry about violence and personal safety on the streets," 53 percent of whites say this is a concern to them, but a much higher 68 percent of blacks express anxiety about street violence.

When the specific issue of racial tension is examined, the pattern is similar. Although 52 percent of whites express fear and uneasiness over possible outbreaks of racial violence, a higher 59 percent of the blacks say they feel apprehensive about such a possibility.

Rockets hit Da Nang barracks; 3 GIs killed

From The Star's Wire Services

SAIGON, South Vietnam—Viet Cong rockets crashed into a U.S. Air Force barracks area on the Da Nang Air Base at midnight Sunday, killing three Americans and wounding 37 while they slept. Two other airmen were missing.

It was the worst of 13 rocket attacks made on the air base thus far this year. Military sources said most of the casualties were caused by a 100-pound missile that smashed one barracks. Several other barracks were damaged.

U.S. B52s bombed suspected positions just below the demilitarized zone (DMZ).

Military spokesmen said the B52s dropped about 450 tons of high explosives around Fire Base Fuller and Charlie 2. Fuller is the South Vietnamese outpost on Dong Ha Mountain that was overrun 12 days ago and is being rebuilt. Charlie 2, four miles south of the DMZ, is manned by Americans.

The U.S. command announced the withdrawal of 2,200 more American troops from Vietnam last week reducing the total to 239,500, the lowest since March 31, 1966.

Less than 10 rockets were fired in the attack on the Da Nang base, the U.S. command said.

The barracks were occupied by enlisted men, most of them maintenance and flight-line workers and were located in an area called Gunfighter Village because it houses mostly airmen from the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, nicknamed the Gunfighters.

The U.S. command also announced that two American helicopters were shot down within a mile of each other yesterday on the western slope of the A Shau valley, 55 miles west of Da Nang and three miles from the Laotian border. Two crewmen were wounded.

Day's Records Page 9A
Books & Arts Pages 12, 13A
Editorial/Opinion Pages 14, 15A
Radio & Television Page 19A
Variety Pages 1-7B
Comics Pages 8, 9B
Amusements Pages 10, 11B
Sports Pages 12-16B
Business News Page 17B
Letter From Home Page 30B

2 Sections XCIII—No. 190

STAR TELEPHONES
News, General 372-4141
Circulation 372-4949
Want Ads 372-4948