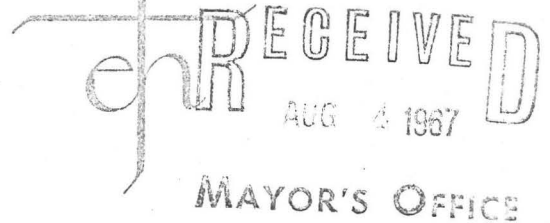


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Mayor Terry D. Schruck
Portland, Oregon 97204

MAYOR	<i>TS</i>
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Dear Mayor Schruck:

In recent news releases through the press, radio, and television concerning the problem encountered in the Albina area during the last few days, we have noticed that unfortunately, a number of statements have been made which, obviously, have developed from rumors which seem to be designed to foment distrust and ill will among various segments of our population. Some of these rumors have involved Emanuel Hospital and have caused us some concern since they are not true. Under the circumstances, we feel you should have the following exact information.

Emanuel Hospital employs more than 1,000 individuals of our community. Among these employees, the minority groups are represented as follows:

Negroes	-	111
Orientals	-	9
Spanish-Americans	-	9
East Indian	-	1
American Indians	-	4

Our employment records indicate that this is not a new situation, but that this has always been a policy of Emanuel Hospital. Many of these employees have long employment records with us, some extending beyond 15 and 20 years.

Emanuel Hospital provides service annually to more than 45,000 individuals (inpatients and outpatients), and at present we are treating approximately 1,500 patients in our emergency rooms each month. The overwhelming majority have expressed satisfaction over the service rendered and the Hospital's policies governing our services to the community. We treat all people--regardless of race, color, or creed, or ability to pay--because this is the basis on which our Hospital was founded. This is the concern of the Lutheran Church, which is responsible for our operation. This is the policy which prevails in the operation of our charity clinics in which \$300,000-\$400,000 worth of charity service is

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provided annually. These are the policies which prevail for the operation of the Maternal and Infant Care Program, sponsored by the Oregon State Board of Health at Emanuel Hospital. For an explanation of these programs, see the attached.

We note that Emanuel Hospital has been cited for the non-employment of Negroes on the current construction of our Professional Office Building. This building, of course, is being constructed under contract, and the Hospital has no jurisdiction over selecting personnel for this project, but we have verified that the charges made are untrue. The contractor has employed Negro workers.

If we can supply any further information, or if we can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,



Paul R. Hanson, Administrator

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