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"WE'RE THE STAFF OF THE JEWISH GENERAL HOSPITAL," sing the cast and audience at the Hospital's first Variety Show which was held in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence April 24th and again, by popular demand, on May 8th.

VARIETY SHOW HUGE SUCCESS

Over 400 staff members, their families and friends braved a heavy rainstorm April 24th to attend and heartily support the Hospital's "first official Laugh-In" -- the Variety Show held that evening in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence. Reaction was so favourable that a second presentation of the same show was held May 8th when another 400 persons attended.

With Fritz Bostiansen as Master of Ceremonies and Andrew Beck as the leading spectator, the show opened with a Filipino group of Dolly Olvido, Dr. Diego Rosales, Myrna Casino, Cely Jardeleza, Candelaria del Rosario, Dr. Herman Alinsangan, Winnie Flores, Johnny Alvarado, Rollando Medina, Erlinda Go, Tex Tan and Danny Jimenez -- all of them dressed in beautiful Filipino/Spanish costumes -- who presented three native dances and a song; then Bob Buckingham, Mary Lou Boaz, Tommy Smith, Norman Sylvia, Harvey Levine, Fritz Bostiansen, Linda Levine and Archie Anthony performed three of Bob's skits; on very short notice, Sylvia Warner accompanied tenor Wesley Hunte on the piano in two religious songs -- as she did later for Lydia Korsawenko who, in a svelte black gown, sang two songs from the semi-classics; Erica Revesz, Winsome McFarlane, Sylvia Wylie and Norman Sylvia provided the voices and movement for Erica's puppet show; Sandi Pinsky sang four popular songs and played her guitar; Archie Anthony, Harvey Levine, David Evans and Norman Sylvia brought down the house (and Harvey Levine's pants!) in Norman's ingenious Hat Dance; in a costume which charmingly symbolized the Orient's feminine modesty, Young Soon Jung danced two dances from her native Korea; David Evans sang two cowboy songs while playing his guitar; in a maternity skit by Bob Buckingham, he, Norman Sylvia, Linda Levine, Harvey Levine (no relation), and Mary Lou Boaz brought down the house again (and the operating table twice!); Lennox Charles sang, unaccompanied, a Trinidadian calypso; then, to oblige a sudden request to stall for time backstage, he, Wesley Hunte and David Evans held a sensational revival meetin'; and finally, the entire cast sang "We're the Staff of the Jewish General Hospital" to Sylvie Dubitsky's special words and guitar accompaniment, and the audiences joined in.

Other participants in the show -- and players who
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filled extra roles -- were: Norman Sylvia, producer; Cay Draper, co-ordinator; Sylvie Dubitsky, assistant co-ordinator; Jose Ruiz, designer of the program's cover; Frances Pevzner, secretary; Sylvie Dubitsky, Yurko Melnyk, Harry Hohn and Sam Melnyk, property makers; and Dave Walker, curtain-man.

The show was developed by all those who responded to three notices circulated throughout the Hospital via Pulse and a flash-sheet which invited all staffers to participate in a program which would meet many tastes.

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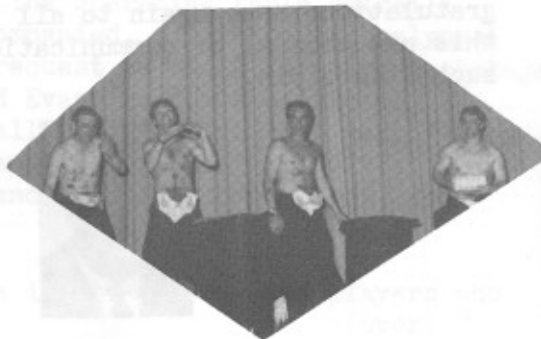
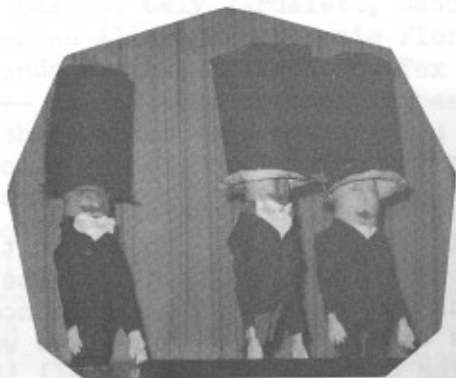
MR. GOLDSTEIN LAUDS SHOW

I was delighted to see the interest which the staff -- both on stage and in front of it -- showed in the Variety Show, and wish to congratulate and thank all the performers, backstage hands and members of the audience who made it such a success that it was performed two weeks later all over again. The combined efforts of all those involved made a big contribution toward improving staff relations, a very important field.

But while the skits, dancing and singing were ingenious and done professionally, the fun and warmth they engendered collectively bounced back and forth across the footlights -- from stage to audience, from audience to stage -- in a way which was most impressive. It is for this reason, particularly, then, that I look forward to seeing even greater staff participation in Hospital Variety Shows, in Arts, Crafts and Photo Exhibitions, and in other similar events in future. Until then, thank you and congratulations once again to all those who helped to develop this new channel of communication, and who put it over in such fine style.



Fred Goldstein,
Assistant Director.





PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Ormond Willis, Ward Master's Office, who will celebrate a birthday come June 3rd...

QUICK RECOVERY to Mrs. B. Malamud, RN, 6 NW, Miss Faye Fox, RN, CSR, Dr. R. Breitman, Orthopaedics, Mrs. R. Horsman, RN, 7NW, and Mr. H. Czelaewicki, Doorman, who were patients at the Hospital during April... to Mrs. V. Lebrun, RN, 4E, who had a tonsillectomy that same month ... to Mr. Edward Powis, Doorman, who underwent surgery on 4NW... to Miss J. Rothman, NA, 8W, and Mrs. Yvette Meunier, Switchboard, who followed suit on May 7th... to Miss Louise Scallon, NA, Emergency, who did the same on 4W May 8th... to Pulse reporter Miss Margeurite Lewis, CSR, who was admitted to 4NW May 7th... to Jamie, young son of Mrs. J. Vassel, Ward Helper, who had a tonsillectomy here May 7th...

WELCOME BACK to Miss B. Rowat, RN, School Nursing, who went to Nassau to holiday in March...

SYMPATHIES to Mrs. Betty Rose, Clinic Eligibility, whose husband died May 7th... to the family of Mrs. Olive Alliston, Information Desk, who died suddenly May 15th...

BEST WISHES to Miss Catherine Szirt, RN, 7NW, who became Mrs. Julius Melnitzer February 18th... to Miss Freda Fox, Business Office, who became engaged March 15th... to Miss Judi Peters, Nursing Office, who married Mr. Barry Levine March 24th... to Elaine, daughter of Mrs. Joan Segal, Accounts, who became engaged April 6th... to Miss Nurat Lawy, Psychiatry, who became engaged May 4th... to Miss Parys Nercessian, Nutrition Lab, who married Mr. Dartad Percehian May 5th... and to all of us for a pleasant, happy, sunny summer...

MORE PEOPLE IN MORE NEWS

DID YOU KNOW that Miss Sheila Bassin, student, School of Nursing, won the Quebec Ladies' Trapshooting Championship in 1963-4-5, the Quebec Junior Championship in 1964-5, the Vermont Ladies' Trap title in 1965 and, in the summer of 1966, competed in Europe for the World Championship? that Dr. I. Libman, Neurology, is a violinist who, with an amateur group, plays chamber music and oratorio for churches and other groups? that the tenor voice of Mr. Wesley Hunte, Ward Master's Office, was, for five years, heard frequently on the radio in his native Barbados? that in both the Barbados and Canada, Mr. Hunte has sung in prisons, hospitals (including one for lepers), churches, homes for the aged, and for civil and military groups? that Mrs. Sylvia Liverman, Coffee Shop, the youngster at a party for "golden agers" in Ste. Agathe, won one cent at a bingo game? that Mrs. Elaine Brome, Dietary, exhibited two paintings at the Fairview Annual Spring Art Exhibition and Sale held May 8th by the Women's Auxiliary of the Lakeshore General Hospital and Fairview Centre in Pte. Claire? that the semi-annual bazaar for patients held in April brought in \$99.60? that Dr. Nathan Freedman, Cytology, Chairman of the Arts, Crafts and Photo Exhibition, donated one of his entries into this year's show, the sculpture Maimonides, to the Hospital? that the piece can be seen in the foyer of the Nurses' Residence? that Mr. George Baird, Maintenance, is not only the father of five children and the grandfather of one, but also the foster father of two? that Miss Sandi Pinsky, Biochemistry Lab, and her partner, Sheila Engel, sang and played their guitars at the Young Israel of Chomedey's musical comedy production It's Today March 14th-April 16th? that prints of coloured photos taken of the JGH Variety Show's opening night (April 24th) may be ordered from Mr. Thomas Boudjaklian, Mail Room? that Mr. Danny Birch, Ward Master's Office, took over 100 feet of movie film of the Show's second presentation May 8th? that he'll soon screen same at the Hospital for all those interested to see? that Dr. Fred Weiner, Pediatrics, and Mr. Max Shainblum, Personnel, sang in the Baron Byng High School graduates' choir concert held May 15th-16th?

SHALL WE OVERCOME?

The minister asked the throngs of mourners, "Brothers and sisters, let us join hands with each other while we sing 'We Shall Overcome', and as this picture faded from the television screen, brief shots of black Americans sitting passively in non-violent demonstration against some form of white racism flashed on the screen. They were pushed, dragged and kicked by white policemen and civilians alike, and I marvelled at the discipline of these people who did not raise a hand in self defence. This was the work of Martin Luther King, leader of the non-violent movement for civil rights for the black American, whose body had succumbed to the violence of white American racism but whose spirit lived on, inspiring all those who mourned at his funeral in Atlanta, Georgia, and in New York, Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver that "We Shall Overcome".

The life and death of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a challenge to America. But as a Canadian, I think it is a challenge to Canada, as well, to look about us and see how our black citizens are being treated. Are we being treated as Canadian citizens and human beings or as second class citizens and subhumans? Are you the tenant the landlord refers to when he tells me he cannot rent to me because his other tenants would object to Negroes? Is yours one of the children who decides, when the idea happens to suit his mood, to join in a gang-up on the "chocolate-faced" boy in the park who afterwards runs home without his hat, with a torn windbreaker, a broken toy and a broken heart?

As one pursues his daily work here at this Hospital, the thoroughly cosmopolitan atmosphere is comfortable. There are members of many races and religions working at all levels in the Hospital and, more significantly, a friendliness and acceptance between the individual members of the different ethnic groups that shows just what could be if society would let it.

I would not wish any child illness, but if every

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Canadian child who required hospitalization could be exposed to the Pediatric Ward of our Hospital where he mixes with children of different races and is cared for by doctors, nurses, nursing aids, therapists and maids of varying colours, this would be an invaluable experience for him. This would lay a fertile soil in which his parents could sow seeds of, not tolerance, but acceptance of all people as individuals.

If the life inside the Jewish General Hospital could be reflected in the Canadian economic and social structure at this time when the assassination of Martin Luther King has made many men do some honest soul-searching, then we mourners could sing with confidence "We Shall Overcome."



Sylvia Warner,
Medicine.

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Psychiatrist to office nurse:
"Just say 'we're terribly busy.'
Don't say 'it's a mad house'."

from Canadian Doctor.

PULSE PROFILE



Miss Mabel Mooney, secretary-in-charge of the Personnel Department, was born in Cartright, Manitoba, and went to school in Norwood, a suburb of Winnipeg, where her mother, a policewoman, still lives. "As a child, I wanted to be a nurse," she says, "but the Depression smashed that idea and I went to business school instead."

Miss Mooney's first job was with Style-Rite of Canada Limited, Winnipeg, where, as jill-of-all-trades, she kept the books, interviewed the sales staff, took stock and dressed the store windows as that five and dime store expanded from one to twenty-one branches. Then, moving to Montreal in 1958, she worked at the Montreal Children's Hospital for four years until, in 1962, she joined the JGH to assist Mr. Max Xhainblum, Director of our Personnel Department. "Immigrants were coming to Montreal in great numbers then," says Miss Mooney. "I'd come in at eight in the morning and see long lines of newcomers looking for jobs. Few spoke English... but they worked here till they picked up some of the language and then they moved on. Most of the people we hired then have done well... and many of the Greek boys now have their own restaurants." Unilingual herself, Miss Mooney said she managed with the Spanish, Greek, Italian, Polish and the other languages she had to deal with by using sign language and by using "interpreters" from other Hospital departments.

Asked in what area she finds misunderstanding, Miss Mooney smiled and replied: "Many staffers don't understand what Blue Cross pays for, and often are unpleasantly surprised. I think this is because we explain the Blue Cross to them on their first day here -- when they're still new and have a lot to absorb. It would help, probably, if we re-reviewed details with them later on. But until then, Miss Green, Claims Department, Blue Cross (telephone: 844-3781) answers these questions as part of her job."

Miss Mooney's hobbies are gardening, needlework and weekend drives to the country. "But my biggest hobby," she adds, "is my dog."

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC TRAVEL!

From time to time, several individuals have suggested to your Pulse Editor that our Hospital's staff is so cosmopolitan that it -- with its families and friends -- might be able to muster 100 persons who would fly to one foreign destination on the same flight and, a few weeks later, return to Montreal, again on the same flight. If this were true, we would have the makings of a charter flight. Now we would like to find out if we have this kind of strength.

As you know, charter flights are a happy, easy and economical way to travel. On regular flights you pay regular fares. But on charters -- with 100 people or more arranging passage in advance -- there are very substantial savings on fares. Charter fares are further affected by the number of persons over 100 who travel this way, and by the season of the year in which the trip is made.

To see whether or not enough of you are interested in putting together a special Jewish General Hospital charter flight, please consider these four destinations: London, England; Paris, France; Vancouver; and California. If you decided to join one of these -- and 100 other staffers and their families and friends did too -- you would fly from Montreal to your destination on a specified date and, after your vacation there doing what you like on your own (that is, charters do not make arrangements for you other than getting you there and bringing you back), you would return to Montreal again on a specified date.

If you are interested in learning more about charter flights and in taking advantage of these substantially reduced fares, complete the questionnaire on the next page. If enough of you return completed questionnaires to me, an evening will be arranged whereby travel movies will be shown to you and a commentator will answer all your questions about charter flights. If you are not serious about exploring this question, please do not confuse the matter by turning in a questionnaire. But if you are serious about it, complete your questionnaire carefully and return it to me before June 21st.

Editor.

QUESTIONNAIRE RE SPECIAL JGH CHARTER FLIGHTS

In the places marked below, tick off the destinations you would be interested in going to on a charter flight if one or more could be developed, indicate whether you would prefer going on a two or three week trip, if you would like to take such a trip this winter (the earliest possible period), or next spring, summer or fall, and the evening during the week which you would prefer to hear more about it at a special meeting. Then add your name (legibly, please), the name of your department and your telephone local, tear out the page along the perforated line, and return the sheet promptly to Miss Gay Draper, Public Relations Officer and Editor of Pulse, on 2 NW.

Destination preferred

- London, England
- Paris, France
- Vancouver
- California
- Other: please specify:

Duration preferred

- two weeks
- three weeks
- other: you specify: _____

Period preferred

- this winter (soonest possible)
- next spring
- next summer
- next fall

Evening preferred for special meeting

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Deadline for returns is June 21st!

Your name _____
Your department _____
Your local _____