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INTERRACIAL staff at Michael Reese is typified in therapeutic nursery maintained for children with cerebral palsy. Two of the nursery workers are shown here reading to a group of the handicapped youngsters.



STUDENT NURSES mark successful completion of first months of training at Michael Reese in traditional "capping" ceremony. Shown above (L. to R.) are Helen Goddard, Clara Rice, Frances Saculla and Virginia Stack.

Southside hospital operates, entire area face-lifted

By Bob Lucas

Michael Reese Hospital has on its hands the biggest plastic surgery job ever tackled by a private medical institution.

It will cut a seven square-mile chunk out of Chicago slumland in a drastic operation to save the life of a community.

Once the decay has been removed, a great medical center will spring up, surrounded by new homes built by—and for—the people, white and black.

The Southside Development Association, spearheaded by Michael Reese, includes Negroes and whites, public housers and real estate men, industrialists and labor leaders, all determined to remodel the face of the South Side.

Back in 1945, Michael Reese Hospital faced a momentous decision, brought on by a problem

that grew out of the rapid spread of blighted area around its location at 29th St. and Ellis Ave.: move to another part of the city and toss a \$14 million investment into the junk heap, or stay and beat back the slums that shadowed its very doors.

The officers and management of Chicago's largest private hospital decided to remain at the site where it was founded in 1882, called in planning experts to work out a long-range plan for constructing a modern medical center and rehabilitating the neighborhoods surrounding the hospital.

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ADLAI TAKES OVER, HEDGES ON PLEDGES

By Rod Holmgren

SPRINGFIELD—Adlai E. Stevenson took over as "reform" governor of Illinois this week, and in his inaugural address gave the first clear hint that he is ready to compromise on many of his campaign promises and forget the rest.

While asking legislation to enable a referendum vote on the constitutional convention issue, Stevenson offered appeasement to enemies of constitutional reform by saying "the income tax problem" should be left "precisely where it stands at present."

Political observers noted that the chief reason for the Chicago Tribune's opposition to constitutional reform has been Col. R. R. McCormick's fear that a new state charter would make it possible to enact a graduated income tax.

There was plenty of color in the Springfield Armory ceremony during which the Libertyville gentleman farmer and LaSalle Street banker repeated earlier promises of "thrifty, honest, efficient government."

On the flower-banked stage as he spoke were many of Stevenson's socialite friends and relatives from Chicago and the North Shore, sitting knee-to-knee beside the full roster of the Democratic Party's Illinois leadership.

Veteran reporters commented that the appearance of "the mink coat crowd" indicated that for the first time in more than a quarter-century, high Chicago society had "taken over" in Springfield.

Only a dozen Negroes had been given reservations for seats in the packed first floor of the Springfield Armory. And while there were more than two hundred political, social and civic dignitaries on the crowded stage, State Senator Christopher C. Wimbish, a member of the Joint Inaugural Committee, was the only Negro seated there.

In what reporters interpreted as a significant invitation for open and full Republican support

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'By his friends shall ye . . .'

Chicago daily papers reacted with uniform glee to Governor Stevenson's inaugural. Best example was the comment opening a Chicago Tribune editorial the following day:

"Gov. Stevenson's inaugural message discloses him once again as a gentleman genuinely desirous of serving the people of Illinois and possessed of a literary style of considerable distinction."

And in the next paragraph, the newspaper most responsible for the political fortunes of ex-Governor Dwight Green during the past eight years, added:

"... on the whole we find little to quarrel with."

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