De Hartog Inspires Student Help At Taub, JD; Nurse Denies Need

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Thirty Rice students volunteered to take nursing aid training after Jan de Hartog spoke at Will Rice on the conditions in Houston's charity hospitals.

Last Sunday afternoon, however, Mrs. Mimi Ullrich, a representative of the Red Cross spoke to the interested students and discouraged them from taking the training.

She indicated that the hospital had more volunteers than it could handle at the present moment, suggesting they wait a year.

De Hartog, author of “The Hospital,” had typified the hospitals as public utilities which are run as economically as possible “to keep the dying off the streets.”

Need Not

Emphasizing an immediate need for volunteer workers at the hospital, de Hartog told the students the Red Cross would set up a training program on campus if 30 volunteers signed up to take it.

Mr. de Hartog, a Quaker, spent much time referring to the rule of “ten cents of action for every five cents of talk.” It was this ethic which prompted several members of his faith to volunteer to work in the Houston charity hospitals. They were accepted, Mr. de Hartog feels, because they weren't likely to cause trouble.

Since nurses aren't allowed to speak against the administration for which they work, and Baylor limits the doctors under their control, the volunteers were the only ones who could protest.

Local 'Lunacy'

In his attempts to raise money, Mr. de Hartog discovered what he calls the lunacy of Houston, the fact that people will not give money, but will volunteer personal service. Mr. de Hartog encountered a new problem using these volunteers. They needed Red Cross training, but the Red Cross could not start a teaching program until they had been asked to do so by the hospital.

It took four months to get this approval. They were then allowed to work only under certain conditions of discrimination. Their numbers eventually grew and there are now 600 aides. But this is not enough. The hospital needs 3,500 to carry out the intensive care for which it was designed, de Hartog said.