

DOCTORS ASK U. S. ASSIGNMENT AID

Would Establish Authority
to Better Service

Today's Events

SECTIONAL scientific meetings—
Public Hall and Hotel Cleveland,
9 a. m. and 2 p. m.

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The house of delegates of the American Medical Association passed a resolution yesterday urging that the United States arrange immediately for the establishment of a central assignment authority with representatives of the civilian medical profession.

The purpose of such an authority would be to prevent, or at least lessen, confusion and by proper assignment of physicians enable both civil and military populations to be served medically as completely as possible.

The resolution said the authority should be known as the procurement and assignment agency for physicians for the Army, Navy, Public Health Service, Selective Service and civilian and industrial needs of the nation. Copies will be sent to the president, secretary of the navy, secretary of war and other officials.

Meet New President-elect

The new president-elect, Dr. Fred W. Rankin of Lexington, Ky., picked by the house delegates yesterday, became known last night to many association members as he stood in line at a reception and ball for the new president, Frank H. Lahey of Boston, and shook hands with nearly 2,000.

This large social affair of the association's 92d annual convention occupied the entire mezzanine of Hotel Cleveland.

Dr. Rankin, a man of stocky build, forceful manner and distinct military bearing, is surgeon at St. Joseph's and Good Samaritan Hospitals in Lexington. During the war he was a major in the medical corps. While in France he was attached to the First Army Corps 4th and 26th divisions, and was commanding officer of Base Hospital No. 26. He is now a colonel in the medical corps reserve.

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