

In the Name of **HUMANITY**

'Man's inhumanity to man Makes
countless thousands mourn.' Robert
Burns

If You Do Nothing, Nothing May Be Done ...

Only about 18,000 of Minnesota's estimated 100,000 mentally retarded citizens are now receiving help. Many of those, who live in state institutions, receive grossly inadequate care.

Although the entire 100,000 will not need services at one time, experts say that less than 50 percent of the need is being met.

The following recommendations for meeting some of the needs are being made to the 1967 Legislature.

They need your support, for it is the people of Minnesota who will decide if its retarded children and adults are to receive necessary and humane services, training, education and care.

The choice is yours. Make it... in the name of humanity.

Minnesota Association for Retarded Children

• More Day Activity Centers

Day activity centers provide a learning experience for retarded children not eligible for school and make it possible for more retarded persons to live at home.

There are now 40 centers in 32 counties supported by local and state funds.

In order for all of the state's 87 counties to have centers, more state support funds are needed.

\$1,500,000 in state matching funds for centers should be appropriated for the next two years.

• More Staff in State Institutions

Due to lack of necessary staff to provide adequate care and training, many patients in state institutions regress, are cared for in groups of 40 to 100 by one person. Even basic physical care becomes impossible.

The request of state institutions for 749 additional personnel for the 1967-69 biennium should be granted in full.

• State Support for Community Care

More mentally retarded persons should be cared for in small, homelike community residential facilities operated by private nonprofit groups.

Development of a significant number of community facilities depends upon a reliable and continuing source of operating funds.

State aid should be provided for community residential care of the mentally retarded.

The needs of Minnesota's mentally retarded persons and the recommendations reported here are the subject of a 13-minute black and white sound film of the same title, "In the Name of Humanity".

This film is available for showings without charge from the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children, 6315 Penn Ave. S., Mpls., Minn. 55423.



- Improved Living Facilities

Buildings at Minnesota's state institutions for the mentally retarded are large, impersonal and overcrowded. Many are so old as to require immediate replacement.

Present design, whereby as many as TOO people live or sleep in a single room, does not provide a healthy environment or one conducive to individual development.

Building funds for the construction of small units designed to relieve overcrowding and to meet the needs of individuals should be appropriated.

Higher Salaries for State Employees

State institutions are finding it increasingly difficult to hire and retain staff because salaries for psychiatric technicians— those persons who work directly with the patients--start just above the poverty level.

Salaries for all staff must be increased substantially.

provide central leadership, planning and coordination of services to the retarded not in public schools.

Appropriations should be made for the positions needed to establish a Division of Mental Retardation in the State welfare department.

What You Can Do

- Tell your state legislators that you support legislation to better the programs for the retarded in Minnesota.
- Arrange for a program on mental retardation needs before your church, club, union or other organizations.
- Learn more about the needs of the retarded. Attend meetings of the Association for Retarded Children in your area.
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about the needs of the mentally retarded.

For more detailed information, write:
MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION FOR
RETARDED CHILDREN
6315 Penn Avenue S.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

- **More Sheltered Workshops**

Hundreds of mentally retarded adults in Minnesota who could be working are idle because the state does not have enough sheltered workshops to provide them with vocational training or employment.

The 1965 Legislature established state aids for workshops but appropriated only a small amount of money.

\$100,000 in state funds is needed to match local funds so that more workshops can operate.

- **Additional School Classes**

Less than half of the retarded children in Minnesota who need special education are getting it. Only 8,000 of an estimated 18,000 eligible youngsters are enrolled in such classes in the public schools.

Adequate financial aids to school districts are needed in order to encourage more rapid expansion of special education.

State aids for special education personnel should be increased to two-thirds of cost, up from present levels of less than 60 percent.

School services to the moderately retarded (trainable), now only permissible, should be required by law.

Board and room state aids of \$900 a year (now for all other handicapped) should be extended to the moderately retarded who must live away from home to attend school.

- **A Division of Mental Retardation**

There needs to be a group of specialists in the Minnesota Department of Public Welfare to deal with mental retardation, the largest handicapping condition of children. They would