

CALL MEETING

Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina

QUEEN OF BERMUDA - MAY 10, 1939

Members of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina present at the meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society in May 1939 while on a cruise to Bermuda were Dr. W. D. James, Dr. Karl B. Pace, Dr. Frank A. Sharpe, and Dr. J. Street Brewer.

One of the subjects discussed was to discourage hospitals from accepting medical refugees on the hospital staff in any capacity. There is a movement on foot by five committees for the Resettlement of Medical Refugees located in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Baltimore, to place at least one foreign doctor in each hospital in North Carolina regardless of whether he is in possession of a North Carolina license.

Another subject discussed was the length of time a physician should be allowed to work in a hospital in North Carolina without a State Medical license. How long should a person practice medicine in a hospital without license when an interne, whether he is on salary or not? The Board discussed whether it would be advisable for the Board of Medical Examiners to communicate with each hospital and make known to them that we look with disfavor on the employment of medical refugees. After matured thought, it was thought best that this should not come from an organized group like the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina. There would be a possibility that this advice to hospitals would act as a boomerang. It was decided to get this information to each hospital through some other channel other than through the Board of Medical Examiners. Five states are turning in medical refugees. They are becoming panicky and are anxious to unload some of them in North Carolina.

Members of the Board were asked to bring in writing some solution to the above problems to the meeting June 19, 1939.

W. D. James

Secretary - Treasurer



