

News
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas
5323 Harry Hines Boulevard Dallas, Texas 75235 (214)688-3404

April 22, 1983

CONTACT: Ann Harrell
Office: 214/688-3404
Home: 214/369-2695

****Media/Doctors to review Kennedy assassination
at Dallas meeting.**

DALLAS--"The Kennedy Legacy -- a 20-year Retrospective on the Press and the Medical Profession" will be part of the program for the opening session of the Association of American Medical Colleges, Group on Public Affairs Southern meeting in Dallas May 1-3 at the Regent Hotel. Host will be the Office of Medical Information, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

For the first time surgeons Kemp Clark, M.D. and Charles Baxter, M.D., who attended President John Kennedy at Parkland Memorial Hospital, will sit down with media representatives who covered the assassination and its aftermath. Participating in the discussion about problems on both sides with Clark, UTHSCD chairman of Neurosurgery, and Baxter, professor of surgery at the health science center and head of the Parkland Burn Center, will be Hugh Aynesworth and Robert Fenley. Aynesworth, well-known investigative reporter who has written for many national publications, been a staff member of 20/20 on ABC and covered the assassination for the Dallas Morning News. He is co-author of the recent book, The Only Living Witness. Fenley, who is director of medical information, covered the assassination for the Dallas Times Herald and as a stringer for Time.

Also on Monday morning's program will be Dallas public relations and political consultant Judy Bonner Amps. Amps will speak on "Quickening the Public's Pulse." The consultant was involved with the successful 1980 Parkland Memorial Hospital bond election campaign as well as the campaign for election of Dallas Mayor Starke Taylor.

Frank Weaver, director of public affairs for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation of Ohio, will speak that afternoon on "The European Connection: International Public Relations." The Cleveland Clinic is involved in an active program of attracting patients from overseas.

A large amount of the program will deal with medical and medical school/hospital ethics. Dr. Baruch Brody, director for the Center for Ethics, Medicine and Public Issues at Baylor College of Medicine will speak on ethics and institutions. Brody, former chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Rice, will deal with the new and proposed guidelines on withholding treatment of the terminally ill and the question of defective newborns.

Carolyn Tinker, director on public affairs, The University of New Mexico College of Medicine, will moderate and participate in a discussion of "The Fuzzy Grays: Ethical Problems." The session will deal with ethical problems that arise when academic institutions and hospitals are involved with commercial enterprises, such as drug companies. Other panelists will be Joe Sigler, executive director for institutional advancement, UT Health Science Center at Houston, and Joel Tau, manager for professional relations, Stuart Pharmaceuticals.

#

Distribution: AA,AB,SL.