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DALLAS--Dr. Asa W. DeLoach, chief of Psychiatry Service at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas since 1966, will become interim chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School on July 1.

Dr. DeLoach also receives an appointment as professor of psychiatry and becomes chief of psychiatry at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Southwestern's primary teaching hospital, on that date, announced Dr. Charles Sprague, UTSMS dean.

The new chairman succeeds Dr. Robert L. Stubblefield, who resigned in April after 14 years as head of the department and assumed full time teaching duties.

Dr. DeLoach had been a member of the full time faculty from 1962 to 1965. He has served part time as a clinical associate professor of psychiatry since 1965.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Sprague expressed gratification at Dr. DeLoach's willingness to assume the post. "He is an ideal choice to meet our needs, particularly in areas of teaching and patient care," he said, noting that Dr. DeLoach was the unanimous selection of a faculty committee searching for a successor to Dr. Stubblefield.

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The appointment will strengthen the medical school's relationship with Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Sprague said, with the affiliated institution playing "an even more important role" in the UTSMS teaching program in psychiatry.

Dr. DeLoach said psychiatry training activities for medical students will be intensified at Presbyterian, where he will continue to direct the Psychiatry Service. That service will become an organized part of the medical school teaching program, he said.

With the planned growth of the medical school, he noted, access to more patients will be needed to properly teach psychiatry to increasing numbers of medical students, interns and residents.

Dr. DeLoach also said he plans to strengthen psychiatry patient care and teaching programs at Parkland, primarily through the stepped-up active participation of senior medical school staff members.

A physician for a quarter of a century, Dr. DeLoach combines an unusual background in general practice and surgery with the specialty of psychiatry.

He received his M.D. degree from the University of Georgia School of Medicine, Augusta, in 1946 and served an internship and surgery residencies at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force in 1948-50.

After several years of private medical practice, mostly in Cairo, Ga., Dr. DeLoach returned to academic medicine in 1957. He served a three-year residency in psychiatry at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Perry Point, Md., and then was on the staff of the VA Hospital in Waco from 1960 until joining the Dallas medical school in 1962.

Dr. DeLoach, his wife and two children reside at 6329 Prestonsire Lane in Dallas.

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