



Gorgas Says No

Office Turn Thumbs Down on Father of Sick Child

Balboa, C. Z. Nov. 9. A most interesting case was reported today by Mr. Philip E. Robinson, an ex-Panama Canal employee now on the Disability Roll and residing at Chilibre. According to Mr. Robinson, the life of his daughter was saved only by an emergency operation at the Radiological Hospital in Panama city after being told at the Gorgas Hospital on the Canal Zone that "the boss said to take her back to the Panama hospital." The child, a registered beneficiary of Mr. Robinson, was suffering from a chronic infected appendix which needed immediate removal.

Following is the complete text of Mr. Robinson's report.

The Reward of Long and Faithful Service

"On the 4th of November, my daughter was spending the weekend with her brother's family in Rio Abajo and took sick with a terrible pain in the bowels. The brother, escorting her at the time of the attack, rushed her to the nearest physician available, which happened to be the Panama Hospital. I, residing in Chilibre, was notified of the occurrence by a neighbor who was in Panama and knows the family. I arrived at the Panama Hospital at 6:45 on the morning of the 5th and awaited the earliest

opportunity to find out her condition and have her transferred to Gorgas, as she is not only a minor, but also a student of the La Boca Normal School and is my registered beneficiary in the files of Mr. Schecker's office since May 1945, at which time I was placed on the disability Roll.

After explaining my financial condition to Dr. Runyan with a request for her transfer to Gorgas, on the strength of the privilege granted us by the U.S. Government, which I served from January 1906 to May 1945. I got the shock of my life when I took her to the Admitting Office in a taxi, because she could hardly hold up with the pain. It was about 8:00 a.m. then. I read the note to the officials in Gorgas, which stated that the bearer, Rose Robinson was admitted there during the previous day with severe pains and after a general examination was made, found out that she was suffering from a chronic infected appendix and would recommend its immediate removal. I left her sitting on one of the benches at the Admitting Office and took the note to the Clerk who sent me up to the book-keeper. After explaining my mission to him, I was asked if the girl

was ever a patient in Gorgas. I replied, "several times." He took the note from the Panama Hospital and went to the file cabinet, found her card and carried both to the Chief. I was standing at the window with the money required as a deposit in such cases. I saw the big man read both and said something to the book-keeper who told me on his arrival at the window, "the boss said to take her back to the Panama Hospital." I was so struck, all I could say was "O.K. Chief." I then had to half carry her until we got to where transportation was available to take us to a friend in Panama, who in turn took us to No. 37 Central Avenue to Dr. Ernesto Zubieta and he helped us immensely.

My daughter was in Gorgas last year May and again in December for the same pains. Her last stay was twenty days, and I was told by the Ward Physician that every available means was exhausted and her chart showed that nothing was wrong with her. On examining her without knowing anything of the Panama Hospital's diagnosis Dr. E. Zubieta informed me that she needed an operation of the ap-

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LOCAL TO HIRE ORGANIZERS

Balboa, C. Z., Nov. 8.—During his stay on the isthmus, Director of Organization Bob Weinstein along with Jack Strobel, International Vice President, made a survey of the local field. Among their findings, the question of hiring more organizers was presented to the local officers. It was agreed upon that the union could use a few more organizers on a full-time basis.

On October 29th, their proposal was presented to the Local Board. The Board approved the proposal with the understanding that a committee should make the selections and recommendations to the Board. The committee appointed for this job consisted of: Bothers Strobel, Arauz, Nolan, Ampudio, and Pachment.

After a survey, the committee recommended that positions be opened for four organizers, two for the Pacific Side and two for the Atlantic Side. They

further recommended that positions be open for two clerks, one of which was to be a stenographer.

The following selections were presented to the Board:

Organizers:
Evering
Garcia
Atherton
Hay

Clerks:

(Further study)

In a meeting held at the Arcos Hall, the recommendations and selections of the committee were approved.

The Board decided that the present staff on the payroll should retain their jobs and both the incoming employees and the present staff should understand that they are on probation.

Applications are accepted for the position of stenographer. The applicant must be able to take dictation in English and Spanish.

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PAUL ROBESON SOUGHT TO MAKE CONCERT TOUR IN PANAMA. SPONSORS—LOCAL 713, UPW-CIO. MORE LATER!

WIDOW SENDS THANKS FROM SALVADOR

Some time ago, one of our union members, a Salvadorean by the name of Gonzales, was fishing around Pier 6 in Balboa. He is said to have lost his balance and fell into the water. In falling, he struck his head on a fender. The blow apparently knocked him out for despite the fact he was a good swimmer, he was drowned.

A collection was made among union members and from the proceeds, a wreath was bought and some money sent to the widow of the late Gonzalez.

Mrs. Gonzalez has expressed her appreciation of the kindness in a letter written to the "Director of Local 713". The letter follows:

Tonacatipeque
El Salvador,
November 3, 1946.

Director
United Public Workers

Local 713 CIO
Balboa, Canal Zone

Dear sir:

Respectfully I write to you and the entire personnel of your office. I received your appreciated letter and I extend my most expressive thanks for your kind sentiments on the death of my husband.

Although far away from this country, you have accompanied me in my grief. At the same time I want to thank you and all the other CIO members for the kind generosity of sending me a check for thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) raised by the voluntary contribution of the members. This will help a little to alleviate my difficult situation.

For all these things, I extend my most sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

Hortensia Torres V. de
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