

Among the specific discoveries: signs only in English, hospitals counting Filipino nurses as "Spanish-speaking," and patients being asked to return with someone who speaks English.

The Penna. Dept. of Health will have major responsibility for seeing that corrective action is carried out, following specific recommendations made by HEW for each hospital.

Although the report's effect remains to be seen, several items of importance for consumers are already clear. First of all, this investigation would probably never have happened without the active participation of and the information supplied by the consumer groups. Second, although no litigation occurred, if the need for litigation arises in the future, the existence of this fact-finding report will be a big help.

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## PATIENT-WORKERS' RIGHTS

Under a recent ruling by the US District Court for the District of Columbia, the Dept. of Labor must enforce the Fair Labor Standards Act with respect to patient-workers as well as other workers.

The Dept. of Labor officially considers patient-workers in mental institutions as "employees" within the meaning of that Act, but because of "unresolved prob-

lems" in the mechanics of enforcement doesn't bother to enforce the Act's minimum wage and overtime provisions with respect to such employees. The Court refused to accept "administrative burden" as an excuse and ordered the Dept. of Labor to get with it. (Souder v. Brennan, decided 11/14/73 [in Law Week, 11/27/73.]

## ACCREDITATION

The Newsletter of the New York City Coalition for Community Health reports that the services of the "Consumer Commission on Accreditation of Health Services" are available to groups "particularly regarding how to prepare a presentation on a particular hospital to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (a private voluntary body that inspects and accredits hospitals approximately every two years). You can arrange for a community hearing when JCAH is coming to your hospital." For more information write to: Consumer Comm'n., 4 W. 58 St. New York, NY 10019.

## PRICE CORRECTIONS

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