

titude, combined with an evasiveness often typical of university administrators, infuriated the chairwoman of the proceedings, "hard-hat champion" councilwoman and now also congresswoman, Louise Day Hicks. Mrs. Hicks, after listening to Gruson's lengthy answers to several of her questions, said to him: "I think I can say honestly that everything you have said answers nothing." At the conclusion of the hearings, the committee asked both Harvard and the Affiliated Hospitals Center to detail their specific plans for the Mission Hill-Parker Hill neighborhood.

"We realized very early in our dealings with Harvard that Harvard is extremely susceptible to public opinion," said John Sharrat, an architect and Mission Hill resident who serves as consultant to the Harvard Tenants of Roxbury. Sharrat said, in an interview with *Science*, that the city council hearings had proved to be an effective lever in the community's bargaining with Harvard and that relations between the residents and the college were considerably better than they had been. Even before the hearings, Harvard had repaired most of the homes in the area and had agreed to rent vacant homes to families. As a result, the neighborhood has been substantially improved.

In its reply to the city council, Harvard spelled out a plan agreeable to community representatives for financing the new low-cost housing. Under the plan, Harvard, no longer wishing to be a landlord, will sell a vacant lot to a developer chosen by the community. The price of the lot will be low enough to allow the developer to construct housing according to the wishes of the community.

Harvard, however, cannot speak for Affiliated Hospitals, and difficulties between that corporation and the community are yet to be resolved. In response to the city council's questions, Affiliated finally submitted a specific plan that calls for construction of the new hospital center to begin by mid-1972. The plan, much reduced from original expectations because of inflation, provides for construction on a parking lot adjacent to the present site of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and for using some of the old hospital's buildings. Thus only about half of the area's Harvard-owned houses would be demolished.

Community representatives object to the new Affiliated plan for a number

of reasons, including Affiliated's failure to specify its plans for the Harvard-owned land not used for construction and its refusal to make a specific commitment to community health care facilities. Richard Wittrup, executive director of Affiliated Hospitals, told *Science* that it would be impossible for Affiliated to make a specific commitment since it has no way to project what the demand will be. He pointed to several community health projects being started in the area. These, he says, may relieve the demand on the area's hospitals for outpatient care. He added that the hospitals do not now refuse anyone requesting outpatient care, and he said that they will not do so in the future.

Affiliated, however, seems generally less inclined to listen to the community than Harvard was. In reply to the question asked at the city council hearing of whether Affiliated would take the needs of the community into consideration when drawing up future plans, the hospital group replied that "it cannot commit itself to obtain consent for future development from any group not legally empowered to exercise governmental functions."

In spite of what he views as recalcitrance, Sharrat, speaking for the tenants group, believes that the residents are now so well organized that Affiliated will eventually have to listen to their viewpoint. Sharrat emphasizes that the community is not against hospitals nor is it generally opposed to construction projects. He says that "what the people want, above all, is to be aware of what's going on in matters that affect their daily lives."

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APPOINTMENTS

Howard A. Schneider, deputy director, Institute for Biomedical Research, American Medical Association, to director, Institute of Nutrition, Consolidated University of North Carolina. . . . **Seymour H. Levitt**, chairman of radiotherapy and oncology, Medical College of Virginia, to chairman, therapeutic radiology department, University of Minnesota. . . . **Leonard I. Grossweiner**, professor of physics, Illinois Institute of Technology, to chairman, physics department at the institute. . . . **David Paton**, associate professor of ophthalmology

and assistant dean of medical school admissions, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, to chairman, ophthalmology department, Baylor College of Medicine. . . . **Robert D. Terry**, acting chairman, pathology department, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, to chairman of the department. . . . **Richard J. Johns**, professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, to chairman, biomedical engineering department at the school. . . . **Martin E. Bruetman**, acting chairman, neurology department, Chicago Medical and Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center, to chairman of the department. . . . **R. D. O'Brien**, chairman, neurobiology section, Cornell University, to director, biological sciences division at the university. . . . **Norman Bergman**, former professor of anesthesiology, University of Utah, to chairman, anesthesiology department, University of Oregon Medical School. . . . **J. Knox Jones, Jr.**, professor of systematics and ecology, University of Kansas, to dean, Graduate School, Texas Tech University. . . . **Stephen R. Mitchell**, assistant chancellor for institutional plans, policies, and development, University of Wisconsin, Parkside, to dean, College of Sciences and Arts, Washington State University. . . . **John F. Porter, Jr.**, dean of the faculty, University of Alabama, Huntsville, to dean of graduate programs and research. . . . **Jack E. Reese**, associate dean of graduate studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to dean. . . . **Samuel P. Ellison, Jr.**, professor of geological sciences, University of Texas, Austin, to dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Austin. . . . At Northwestern University, **Henry L. Nadler**, professor of pediatrics, to chairman, pediatrics department, Medical School; **Oscar Hechter**, head, regulatory biology department, to chairman, physiology department at the medical school. . . . At Bucknell University, **Douglas K. Candler**, professor of psychology, to chairman, psychology department; and **David S. Ray**, professor of mathematics, to chairman, mathematics department. . . . **John C. Park**, professor of business administration, Southwest Missouri State College, to chairman of sociology and economics, Frostburg State College.

Erratum: In the editorial, "Marine pollution" (8 January 1971, page 21), the value given for the concentration of mercury found in tuna (paragraph 2, line 10, 0.5×10^{-6} part per billion) is incorrect. The correct value is 500 parts per billion.