After Dinner Remarks  
Industrial War College  
Dining-In at Fort Belvoir, Virginia  
March 15, 1983  

A “Dining-In” is a long-standing tradition with the Army, Navy, Air Force, and perhaps at times in the United States Marines, the Coast Guard, and the Public Health Service. It is usually an evening of frivolity, some roasting, some poking fun, and sometimes even going to the extreme of having certain select diners drink from a punch-bowl in which their maybe floating a few dead fish. The Dining-In for the Industrial War College was a little less frivolous, and after some humorous remarks, I moved into a formal presentation.

At the Industrial War College the activities of the Armed Forces is ever so much better understood than that of the unarmed Uniformed Commission Corps of the Public Health Service, and this lecture was one attempting to bring the Armed Forces up-to-date on what the Public Health Service was, its budget, as well as a number of changes that were taking place in the function of the Public Health Service in the United States.

This lecture is an excellent analysis for the State of Affairs with the Public Health Service viz or viz, Reagan Administration in March of 1983.

- Block grants
- Care of protected populations
- Public health service changes
  - Apportionment of responsibility of Health
  - Composition of American population
  - The perception of disease & disability
  - Perceptions of costs of healthcare
  - Priorities for research
- Public health service hospitals
- Statistics – financial & diagnostic

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