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EDITORIALS

Welcome Dr. Kimmey

On August 1, 1970, Dr. James R. Kimmey became Executive Director of the American Public Health Association. He assumes this position at a time when the Association needs an aggressive, hard-working, well-qualified leader, and Dr. Kimmey has these attributes.

As we have noted on numerous occasions, the American Public Health Association is embarked on an ambitious course to advance social action for health, and Dr. Kimmey comes with a background of experience appropriate to furthering this policy on a national basis. Until his appointment, he was executive director of Community Health, Inc., a national nonprofit health agency established to improve community health planning and services in the United States. Before that, Dr. Kimmey was a member of the U.S. Public Health Service where he served as director of the Public Health Service's Region II, comprising New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, after having been chief of the PHS Renal Disease Activity. For his key role in the development of the Kidney Disease Control Program, Dr. Kimmey received the Public Health Service's Commendation Medal.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. Kimmey and we believe that he will be instrumental in furthering the public health and the role of the Association in developing national health policy.

Houston in 1970

For the first time in 40 years, the American Public Health Association returns to Texas for its annual meeting. Last year in Philadelphia, the central theme was our relation to social action, and this year this theme will be pursued again. Major attention will be devoted to the application of knowledge and how it can be used to improve health and welfare. Beginning with the presidential address by Dr. Cornely on "Killers of the Dream" in the opening session, through the topic, "Science and Social Action" on Tuesday night, and concluding Friday morning with a panel on Minority Health Problems and Consumer Participation in the Southwest, the Association will strike a strong note for public health as community action. On Tuesday evening, there will be a...