

OBITUARY

J. RICHARD CONNELLY

1917-1977

New York

J. Richard Connelly, Executive Director of the American Diabetes Association from 1949 until his retirement in 1973, died on July 4 at Doctors Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 60 years of age.

During his 24-year career with the Association Mr. Connelly saw it grow from an organization with a staff of four and income of \$76,000 to one with a forty-member staff and annual income of \$1,250,000. Many of the Association's present education programs for physicians and other health professionals were started during his tenure. He was also responsible for guiding the Association through the early stages of its reorganization from a professional society with membership limited to physicians and scientists to a national voluntary health agency that today has 54 Affiliates, with hundreds of Chapters and Units and thousands of volunteers.

After his retirement from the Association Mr. Connelly joined the staff of the National Health Council, where he served as Director of Organization Relations from 1974 to 1976. Before joining the Council's staff he had served as a member of its Board of Directors and House of Delegates for 15 years.

Long active in the International Diabetes Federation, Mr. Connelly served as its Treasurer from 1973 to 1976. Previously he had been a Delegate to all eight International Congresses, adviser to the office of the Secretariat, and Chairman of its Public Education and Detection Committee.

He was a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and several other health-related organizations.

Survivors include his widow, Wilva; a son, Richard; a daughter, Mrs. George E. Lockwood, Jr.; and a grandson.