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THE DOCTORS DISAGREE AGAIN

The pre-frontal lobotomy program at Camp Butler... which, perhaps, should be called an experiment—brings to mind the recent dispute among doctors over the value of the arthritic-aid-cortisone and ACTH.

Just as medical groups split sharply over cortisone and ACTH, so the group of men professionally concerned with mental illness and its cure have split sharply over the value of the delicate brain operation called pre-frontal lobotomy.

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BY-PRODUCT OF THE MACHINE AGE

The one-week strike of railroad firemen has ended, and normal rail service has been restored. But the basic issue in the dispute is still with us.

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IN THESE telegraphs of some Washington newsletters, Prentice-Hall's "What Happening in Washington" this week said:

"Official and diplomatic Washington are tense: fear month of May will be dangerous in postwar period. If we can wear down the Communists, the Government will breathe easier; fear that we narrowly averted a shooting war."

They emphasize, of course, that only a certain group of patients may respond favorably to the operation, but their estimate of those who can be helped goes considerably beyond the disturbed child group.

They have had—with the surgical skill of Dr. Guy Odum of Duke and Dr. William F. Hillyer Jr. of Asheville—outstanding success in treating well over a hundred patients. About one-fourth of those operated on whom the operation has been performed have been sent home as recovered or greatly improved. Others are expected to show more progress soon.

Mr. Sain visited Camp Butler last week and found the entire staff enthusiastic about lobotomy. He noted that the common attitude of the mental hospital—"You can't cure them; just keep them as comfortable as possible"—was missing at Butler. For perhaps the first time in the history of North Carolina hospitals, patients were being returned from the dim illuational world of mental illness to the world of reality.

Staff members, at last, felt that they could do more than merely comfort the mentally ill.

To the layman despite the testimony of Dr. Freeman and several other authorities, the pre-frontal lobotomy appears as the first hopeful sign in the treatment of mental illness in many years.

And for this reason we are distressed about the men who know more about lobotomy than the general public.

North Carolina psychiatrists have described themselves as being at a loss to understand Dr. Freeman's dramatic reversal. Such Tar Heel psychiatric leaders as Dr. James W. Mulcock of Butler State Hospital, Dr. John S. McKee of State Hospital at Montreat and Dr. Leslie Hohmann of Duke Hospital are convinced that the operation can be extremely valuable when patients are properly selected.

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This Time We'll Try Melting The Hatchet'



People's Platform

'Shock... And Dismay'

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YOUR editorial on the Senatorial race was read by me and must have been read by thousands of others with a feeling of shock and some dismay.

First, I think that there has long been too much minority of brain in our elective offices.

Second, I think there have been too many narrow minded in those offices.

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Bob Got 'Em Jobs

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Truman's Chicago Speech

Advertises Party Triumphant

By MARQUIS CHILDS

CHICAGO (AP)—The city of speculation is a city where the big-time and circus of later day big-time politics come to play.

Some of us remember when President Truman's campaign for re-election in the Fall of 1948. Big Red Kelly was both mayor and boss. He set out to put on the greatest political show the country had ever seen and he had a prepared speech.

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