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## NURSING DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Appointment of Miss Agnes E. Flaherty, R.N., of Portland as director of Nursing, Maine Medical Center, was announced Wednesday in a joint statement by the Medical Center and the Maine State Board of Nursing.

Miss Flaherty has served as executive director of the State Board since 1961. She will assume her duties at Maine Medical Center December 15, directing the work of more than 500 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse's aides and orderlies who are members of the Medical Center nursing staff.

Sister Mary Consuela, director of nursing at Mercy Hospital and president of the Maine State Board of Nursing, said her organization has accepted Miss Flaherty's resignation "with regret...and with appreciation for the tremendous contribution Miss Flaherty has made to nursing in Maine, as executive director of the Maine State Board, and as a resource person and consultant in nursing."

A native of Portland, graduate of Deering High School and the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary School of Nursing, Miss Flaherty also was graduated from Teachers College, Columbia University, which awarded her a Bachelor of Science degree in public health nursing. She received her Master's degree in nursing education from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Miss Flaherty served in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps as a Flight Nurse during World War II, and as an Army Health Nurse from 1952 to 1953. She has continued to be active in the military, currently as director of nursing in a U. S. Army Reserve hospital unit.

She also has served as assistant director of the Outpatient Department Nursing Service at Maine Medical Center and as assistant director of nursing education at Mercy Hospital.

Miss Flaherty is chairman, Council of State Board, American Nurses' Association; a Resource person and director, Western District, Maine State Nurses' Association; a member of the advisory committee, Maine Regional Medical Program; and a member of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee, Maine Department of Education. She has served since 1962 as a committee chairman, secretary and president of the Western District, Maine State Nurses' Association.

Miss Flaherty also is a director of Medical Care Development, Inc.; a member of the State Advisory Group to Bingham Associates Fund, Inc., the Health Task Force, Model Cities of Portland, and the Women's Advisory Committee, Casco Bank and Trust Company, Portland,.

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