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to allow the war veterans in Sunnybrook hospital to be treated the way they are treated today—it is a magnificent hospital with magnificent facilities—and yet the moment we are turning it over for research and the training of medical students they tell us it will take four years for the doctors to bring this magnificent hospital up to the standards they have set.

In turning this hospital over to the university the Liberal administration of the day is following a recommendation of the Glassco report. The Glassco Commission was set up by our predecessors in office, the Diefenbaker government. I think it shows the breadth of wisdom of this government when I point out that we are gladly adopting the recommendation made by the Glassco commission in this regard. We not only believe that it will be a great aid to medical research in Ontario and Canada, and a great aid in training medical students, but it will be of great benefit in providing civilian beds for the city of Toronto.

The Glassco reports points out that with the success of the various provincial hospital plans, which were initiated on a national scale by the Secretary of State for External Affairs following their success in Saskatchewan under the Douglas administration and in the province of British Columbia, and in view of the success of the ten provincial hospital schemes, many beds are being left empty in veterans hospitals at the moment because men choose to stay in their local city hospitals, where they are close to relatives and friends rather than to distant veterans hospitals. The Glassco's Commission recommended that these empty beds be used for civilian purposes, since the records show that they have been empty for years on end. This Liberal administration has been happy to adopt that suggestion.

When it comes to providing funds for medical research, I should like to draw the attention of the committee to the fact that quite a few hospitals in the Dominion of Canada which have large endowments which they spend, they say, on medical research, and some hospitals that do not have large endowments, are out seeking funds for this purpose. I for one maintain that medical research is not a function of hospitals. I can get into plenty of arguments on that score with doctors on the staffs of hospitals that have endowments.

● (9:00 p.m.)

Of course these gentlemen maintain that there is nobody as brilliant as they are and

that they alone should have the right to say how the endowments that they enjoy shall be spent in research. I believe that research should be under the auspices of universities. It is interesting to know that one of the Commonwealth countries in the southern hemisphere introduced about two years ago legislation impressing endowments made to hospitals for medical research to be used under the auspices of universities. This is the subject of lively discussions in the southern hemisphere at the present time and it is becoming a very lively topic of discussion in hospital and university circles in Canada. There is no reason under the sun why certain hospitals, which over a period of 80, 90 or 100 years have built up a tremendous reputation in this field and are now enjoying continuous gifts, particularly through sums bequeathed to them, should be able to spend funds for research carried out by their closed staffs as distinct from medical research grants to universities. If those endowment funds were taken over by individual provinces and applied to medical research in university centres the money could be used for the good of many universities and many research specialists instead of being used for a few hospitals, few researchers and few doctors.

The hon. member for Saskatoon referred to the shortage of interns. I know of one particular hospital where the interns employed by this hospital are assigned to certain doctors in that hospital which is richly endowed. These doctors tell the interns to do research for them so as to build up the doctor's reputation, taking advantage of the money which was bequeathed by people long since dead and gone. I do not believe that doctors on the staff of public hospitals should be allowed to build up a reputation for themselves by using what I consider to be public funds which were left in wills and on which no succession duties were turned over to the government. I do not believe the day is far distant when the endowments left to hospitals will be taken over by the provinces and used for medical research carried out by universities for the good of the whole country.

In commending the government for its action in increasing the grants to the Medical Research Council by 33½ per cent, which is an invasion into provincial jurisdiction, I should like to express my thanks for the decision taken by this party and this government to turn Sunnybrook Hospital over to the University of Toronto for the training of medical students and for research. I should