

ROLPH CALLS FOR NAVY NURSES

Mayor Backs Plea of Doctors and Red Cross for Practical Aid Against Influenza.

Mayor Rolph has made an appeal to Admiral J. M. Jayne of the Pacific Coast for nurses to assist at the San Francisco Hospital in handling of influenza cases. He has also requested the Red Cross, the Hebrew Relief, the Affiliated Catholic Societies and the Associated Charities to assist in procuring help for people sick at their homes.

The Mayor did this at the request of the Supervisors' Health Committee and representations made to him yesterday morning by members of the Board of Health, Dr. Hassler, the health officer, and Dr. R. C. Broderick of the San Francisco Hospital.

Prompt reply was made by President John A. Britton of the Red Cross, who issued the following appeal:

As chairman of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross, and in daily contact with the health authorities, I have positive and personal knowledge of the need of trained and practical nurses and caretakers in families in the city stricken with the influenza, and on behalf of the Red Cross, I urgently appeal to all men and women who are capable of rendering aid and who are willing to give their services, either voluntarily or for pay, to come to the assistance of the Affiliated Charities of this city, who have taken charge of the influenza situation, and register for such help as they can give with Mrs. L. M. Hall at the office of the Board of Health at Mission street near Eighth.

I am particularly appealing to the men and women of San Francisco who so loyally supported the Red Cross during active participation during the first outbreak of the influenza, and will ask them now to render the same service to the Affiliated Charities as they would to the Red Cross, as the need is urgent and vital.

The shortage of nursing help the Mayor was told is the chief difficulty at the present time in handling the influenza situation. During the day 441 new cases of influenza were reported in San Francisco and there were 24 deaths.