

AMA Raps Truman on Health Study

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (UP)—The president of the American Medical Association charged yesterday that President Truman's creation of a health commission was a "political" move designed to influence the 1952 elections.

Dr. John W. Cline said that the commission represents a "brazen misuse of defense emergency funds."

He spoke after Dr. Gunnar Gundersen, LaCrosse, Wis., physician and member of the AMA, refused to serve on the commission, which was named by Mr. Truman to study the nation's health needs.

Dr. Gundersen Sunday night charged that the commission was a political "masquerade" and said his name was released as a member without his approval.

A White House spokesman, however, said Mr. Truman named Dr. Gundersen to the commission after being notified he was willing to serve.

The Chief Executive chose 15 prominent lay and professional persons to undertake a study of national health problems.

Dr. Gundersen charged that the White House was made "to relieve President Truman from an embarrassing position as an unsuccessful advocate of compulsory health insurance."

The AMA has been a bitter foe of administration proposals for national health insurance.

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