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I. Review of previous lecture

- A. Bio-history: effect on biological level of medical intervention
- B. Medicalization of human life
- C. Economy of health: integration of health and economics

II. F's thesis: modern medicine is a social medicine based on technology of social body

- A. Capitalism establishes social medicine focused on social body as work force
- B. Social control not just through ideology, but through bodies and bio-politics

III. State Medicine (Germany)

- A. "State science" [*Staatswissenschaft*]
 - 1) Object is the state
 - 2) Methods by which the state produces and accumulates knowledge
- B. Development in Germany due to
 - 1) political factors (multiple small states)
 - 2) blockage of economic outlets for bourgeoisie (become state bureaucrats)
- C. European states were mercantilist and so concerned with population health
 - 1) France and England were content with numerical measures
 - 2) But Germany attempted to intervene and ameliorate
- D. The German "medical police"
 - 1) Knowledge of morbidity: statistical measures AND detailed information
 - 2) Normalization of medicine and of physicians
 - a) France normalized its cannons and its professors
 - b) Germany normalized its physicians
 - 3) Administrative organization of physicians
 - 4) Medical bureaucrats
- E. Two things to note re: German state medicine
 - 1) It was not focused on labor force, but on individuals forming State
 - 2) New science of 19th C clinical medicine was preceded by State medicine

IV. Urban Medicine (France)

- A. 18th C saw the unification of urban agglomerations in France
 - 1) Economics: national and international markets [coffee, sugar]
 - 2) Politics: production of division of rich and poor [proletarianization]
 - a) Fear of urban revolts
 - b) Fear of urban epidemics coming from poor
- B. The quarantine as model for urban control [cf: DP]
 - 1) Military model of quarantine for the plague
 - 2) Replacing religious model of exclusion and purification of the leper
- C. Principal objectives of urban medicine
 - 1) Study the sites of "refuse" [*déchets*] which might provoke illness
 - a) Cemeteries
 - (1) Individual treatment of corpses, coffins and tombs was not religious but politico-medical: to protect the living from the dead
 - (2) Organization of burial plots

- b) Slaughterhouses
 - 2) Control of circulation of air and water
 - 3) Organization of distribution and sequences for flows of water
 - a) Fountains, sewers, etc.
 - b) Problem of the ownership of the below-ground
- D. Importance of urban medicine
 - 1) Articulation of medical profession with physical sciences, esp. chemistry
 - 2) Formation of a medicine not of men, but of things
 - a) Development of concept of ambient milieu ["environment"]
 - b) Medicine arrives at analysis of organism via that of milieu and its effects
 - 3) Development of notion of "salubrity" ["healthy environment"]
- E. Principle of private property prevented French urban medicine from intervention
- V. Labor Force Medicine (England)
 - A. Prior to 19th C, why were the poor not medicalized as a labor force?
 - 1) Insufficient numbers in urban areas ["poor" = plebes or lumpen vs proles]
 - 2) The poor provided useful urban services: delivering mail, running errands, etc
 - B. Starting in mid-19th C, the urban poor became a problem
 - 1) Political reasons: fear of revolt or at least problem of social movements
 - 2) Establishment of public services eliminated utility of poor
 - 3) Panics over urban epidemics
 - C. Response: division of urban space into rich and poor neighborhoods
 - D. Development of medicine directed to urban poor in England
 - 1) Early industrialization and formation of proletariat
 - 2) Poor Law [1834] gave powers for medical control / financial assistance
 - a) Created a "sanitation curtain" [*cordon sanitaire*] btw rich and poor
 - 3) Health Service (1875) allowed for further control of the poor
 - a) Control of vaccinations
 - b) Registry of epidemics
 - c) Isolation and if necessary destruction of unhealthy areas
 - E. Popular resistance to social control via medicalization
 - 1) Religious sects seeking freedom from medical intervention
 - 2) Pilgrimages in Catholic countries
 - F. The English model succeeded; it can be seen in various forms today
 - 1) Objectives:
 - a) Medical help for poor
 - b) Control of health of the labor force
 - c) General inquiry into health conditions (thus protecting rich)
 - 2) Co-existence of three systems
 - a) Medicine of assistance for poor
 - b) Administrative medicine for general problems (vaccination, epidemics)
 - c) Private medicine for those able to afford it