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## *Medical Group Probes Claim Doctors Refused Night Call*

Dr. William Welsh of Rockville, president of the Montgomery County Medical Society, is investigating charges by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad that nearly a dozen Bethesda area doctors refused to answer an emergency maternity call early yesterday.

Chief Don Dunnington of the rescue squad charged that the doctors failed to respond to calls for aid in delivering a baby girl about 4 a. m. yesterday.

Chief Dunnington and Sergt. Cleve Withers of the squad delivered the baby, who had her umbilical cord wrapped around her neck, and administered oxygen to prevent suffocation. The mother, Mrs. Edith Palmer, 20, and the baby then were moved to the Suburban Hospital where their condition was reported as good late yesterday.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Robert L. Palmer, have been visiting at the home of the father's brother, Edward Palmer, 7303 Arlington ave., Bethesda, for several days.

The father went to the Bethesda substation of Montgomery County police and asked for aid in getting a doctor. After police called several doctors without result, they sent the rescue squad. Chief Dunnington said six doctors he reached refused, saying they were tired, did not work at night, or were not obstetricians.

Dunnington charged it was not the first time the squad had been unable to get physicians to respond. He suggested a night list of doctors.

Doctor Welsh last night said that his investigation was hindered because he had not been given the names of the doctors called.