

## 1950 Planned Parenthood Awards To Go to Mrs. Sanger and Dr. Moses



Mrs. Margaret Sanger  
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Dr. Bessie L. Moses  
Conway

### Leader in the Birth-Control Movement Since 1914 and Baltimore Obstetrician Are First Women to Get Foundation's Prize

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, a leader in the birth control movement since 1914, and Dr. Bessie L. Moses, Baltimore obstetrician, have been named winners of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation Awards in Planned Parenthood for 1950.

They are the first women to receive the awards since they were established in 1943. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 501 Madison Avenue, announced that, "in view of Mrs. Sanger's long, untiring service in a cause which has become synonymous with her name," the usual \$500 cash award had been doubled in her case by the Lasker Foundation.

Dr. D. F. Milam, director of the federation, said that Mrs. Sanger never had consented previously to being considered for the award.

Dr. Wilson G. Smillie, Professor of Public Health at Cornell Medical

Dr. Moses' citation, "in recognition of her brilliant record of forwarding the cause of planned parenthood among the public and the medical profession," said:

"Her twenty-three years of service in organizing contraceptive clinics, lecturing and teaching have raised the standards of clinic practice, spread knowledge and interest in conception control among physicians and nurses and made large segments of the public aware of the medical advantages of planned parenthood. The practice of medicine in office, clinic, hospital and public health is the better for her work and example."

Dr. Moses is instructor in obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University. She organized in 1927 the first birth control clinic in Baltimore, the Bureau for Contraceptive Advice, and since has been medical director of it and of the

School, announced the winners yesterday as chairman of the Lasker Awards committee of the federation. He will make the presentations at the federation's annual meeting and luncheon at the Roosevelt Hotel next Wednesday. It is uncertain whether Mrs. Sanger, who lives in Tucson, Ariz., will be able to attend.

Her award citation reads: "To Margaret Sanger, foremost in teaching families wise planning in birth control: Leader in influencing nations toward balanced population; living to see her beginnings in city slums grow into plans for a planet."

Planned Parenthood Association of Baltimore. She organized other clinics throughout Maryland, training white and Negro physicians for the work.

Yesterday Dr. Moses noted that seven Southern states were the only ones in the nation that had incorporated child-spacing guidance into their public health services. They are North Carolina, which took the step in 1937; South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

"Everybody is searching," Dr. Moses said, "for a cheap and simple method acceptable to untutored and undisciplined populations."