DR. BRADY COMPLETES SURVEY IN AFRICA

Dr. Frederick J. Brady, Chief of the Laboratory of Tropical Diseases, MI, has just returned from a six weeks' survey of British West Africa for the British Colonial Office to determine what the U.S., through the Economic Cooperation Administration, can do to assist in further medical research and control work in undeveloped areas.

Travelling by plane, automobile, river launch, native canoe, and on foot, Dr. Brady visited colonial officials and African villages ranging far into the interior of Africa.

Dr. Brady reported that he was impressed by the contrast he saw during his trip. He talked with hill pagans living in tribes and with immaculately dressed, well-educated people in urban areas. He visited areas where cattle are unable to survive, but which have large populations of birds and wild game. In some places the land is so fertile that fenceposts take root, in others land is so eroded that it may never be made productive. He said he found infants dying of malnutrition where food could be plentiful, and juju magic side-by-side with modern drugs.

Dr. Brady said he will make recommendations on the recruitment of American scientists and the purchase of equipment under the Marshall plan to aid the British and Colonial governments in solving these problems.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Overdue library books hamper the work of people who need them for reference purposes. Miss M. Doonan, Chief Librarian, urges that you return books promptly.

DR. THORP IN ENGLAND FOR CONFERENCE

Dr. W. T. S. Thorp, Chief of the Laboratory Aids Branch, NIH, and of the Comparative Pathology Unit, Laboratory of Pathology, EBM1, is now in London where as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the XIV International Veterinary Congress he is attending the August 8-13 meeting of the Congress.

On August 15 Dr. Thorp will attend a foot and mouth disease conference in England sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organization of U.N.

Dr. James H. Steels of the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Georgia, has also been nominated to membership in the International Veterinary Congress and will participate in the foot and mouth disease conference.

"HAMSTERS" ALL SET TO REHEARSE NIH PLAY

With the election of officers out of the way, our drama group is all set to begin production of its supercolossal show, "Life at NIH."

So hurry, hurry, hurry! Any one can join "The Hamsters." Professional experience is not required--just a desire to act or assist in theatrical productions.

Mrs. Louise Dauberman, on Ext. 408, will answer any inquiries regarding membership.

Officers elected at the July 9 meeting include:

Chairman: Mr. John J. M. Betcher, EO-MA
Treasurer: Miss Zelda Schiffman, EO-MA
Secretary: Mrs. Louise Dauberman, NIH
Caretaker: Mr. Charles R. Barley, RG&F

ARTHITIS GROUP HEADED BY HENCH

COMPOND E RESEARCH TO BE EXPEDITED

Dr. Phillip Hench of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, has been appointed chairman of the recently organized Arthritis and Rheumatism Study Section.

One of the functions of the study section will be to explore the recently discovered possibilities of two substances, cortisone, popularly known as Compound E, and ACTH (adrenocorticotrophic hormone), which have displayed remarkable, though temporary, power to alleviate symptoms of patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

Dr. Hench and Dr. E. C. Kendall headed a Mayo Clinic group which first investigated the two compounds. Their findings were made known several weeks ago.

Ten prominent investigators in all have accepted appointment to the new NIH advisory body. Seventeen other study sections now advise on grants of federal funds to aid universities and other nonfederal research institutions conduct medical research. In addition to Dr. Hench members of the new group appointed are:

Dr. Walter Bauer of Boston, Mass.; Massachusetts General Hospital
Dr. Granville Bennett of Chicago, Ill.; University of Illinois School of Medicine
Dr. Jerome W. Conn of Ann Arbor, Mich.; University of Michigan

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Mosquitoes Traced

Production of radioactive mos­quitoes as a means of tagging these insects for guiding insecticidal control operations is reported in the July 29 issue of Science by Drs. C. C. Hasser and D. W. Jenkins of the Army Chemical Center.

Larvae of Aedes aegypti, the species of mosquito which carries yellow fever, were raised in beakers of distilled water containing radio-active phosphorus. It was found that the radioactivity produced in the insects did not dis­appear in any of its metamorphic stages and hence, permitted detection whenever they were caught.

Valuable data on metabolic ac­tivities of mosquitoes, the effect of this radiation on other insects, etc., may be expected from further studies.

Filariasis Control

DDT, which has been success­fully used for the control of malaria-infested mosquitoes, has also been used to control the species of mosquitoes that trans­mits the causative organism of human filariasis.

Epidemiological findings of the experiment indicate that prolonged spraying with DDT may be an ef­fective control measure. The ex­periment undertaken in the Virgin Islands is reported in the July 8 issue of the Public Health Reports.

Funds Available for Mental Research

Grants totalling $189,584 to con­tinue the financing of 35 research projects on mental and nervous disorders and grants totalling $2,554,556 made for training in psychi­atry, neurology, clinical psy­chology, psychiatric nursing, and psychiatric social work were re­cently announced.

Vacation Information

More pamphlets on where to go and what to see, to replace those taken by early vacationists, are now available in 115 Bldg. 1.
COMMUNITY PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Community activities carried on over a two month period by the Prince George's County Mental Health Clinic, located at the University of Maryland, illustrate the many ways a mental health clinic can serve a community. The Clinic and its functions represent a demonstration program of the National Institute of Mental Health and the Maryland State Health Department.

Among the diverse activities of the Clinic were a series of four meetings with a mothers' group, a round-table discussion with Junior and Senior High school officials on mental health problems, a radio broadcast, and a survey of educational needs of slow learners leading to the formation of a joint School and Health Department committee which is preparing a manual on the health responsibilities of the classroom teacher.

MYCOLOGIST STRESSES LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

In his paper on "Diagnostic Problems in Medical Mycology," Dr. C. W. Emmons, Principle Mycologist in the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, Ml, points out that the diagnosis of fungus infections depends on the demonstration of fungus in the tissue and on its isolation in pure culture.

In his report, Dr. Emmons stresses the importance of exact identification but acknowledges the limitations of the culture method. Not infrequently, fungi that are potentially pathogenic exist harmlessly within the body and should be carefully ruled out as the etiologic agent of any disease.

Dr. Emmon's article appears in the June issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

DR. COATNEY IN GENEVA

As an advisor to the Expert Committee on Malaria of the World Health Organization, Dr. G. Robert Coatney, Chief of the Section on Chemotherapy of Protozoal Diseases, Ml, is now attending a meeting of the committee at Geneva, Switzerland.

The committee is studying experimental, clinical, and epidemiological problems of malaria.

Calendar of Events

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NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR RANKS

During July the following persons joined our staff:

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- Diebel, R. Norman - NCI - Research
- Chromaker, George S. - RG&F - GFA
- Gallagher, John J. - EO - Bldgs.
- Lewerenz, Clarice H., Miss - EBMI - Dir.
- Zeitler, Barbara Ann, Miss - EBMI - Dir.
- Harmison, Carroll L. - EO - Bldgs.
- Culhane, James J. - OD - OSR
- Hughes, Beulah H., Mrs. - EO - Fisc.
- Bahn, Anita K., Mrs. - NCI - T Tech. Serv.
- Cutler, Sidney J. - NCI - T Tech. Serv.
- Grodowitz, William - NCI - T Tech. Serv.
- Jones, Myrtle W., Mrs. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Mentel, Nathan - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Marcus, Samuel C. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Sells, Marguerite, Mrs. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Twist, Jean E., Mrs. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Tinsley, Charles Clifford - NH' Admin.
- Abrams, G. Doris - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Busby, Katie B. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Cornfield, Jerome - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Hallsey, Anna T., Miss - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Hughes, Ina R., Mrs. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Schneider, Ethel, Mrs. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Schneiderman, Marvin A. - NCI - Tech. Serv.
- Chloé, Anthony H. - EO - Bldgs.
- Ducey, David F., Jr. - EO - Bldgs.
- Shipp, Lawrence R. - EO - Bldgs.
- Dawson, George L. - EO - Bldgs.
- Dorman, Richard L. - EO - LAB
- Jensen, Dinniemaud V., Miss - MI - Trop. Dis.
- Jordan, Harold V., Jr. - NIDR - Path.
- Kornberg, Sylvy R., Mrs. - NCI - Research
- Stroud, Richard L. - NCI - Research
- Skraband, Lillian C., Miss - NCI - Research
- Mullin, Edith W., Mrs. - RG&F
- Wang, Theodore J., Dr. - NCI - Research
- Baggerly, Thomas R. - EO - Bldgs.
- Leiberman, Jacob E. - OD - OB
- Price, Frances P., Mrs. - EBMI - B&N
- Beefer, Frances M., Miss - EO - Fisc.
- Earp, Stella M., Mrs. - EO - LAB

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEN POINT VETERANS

Library Assistant, $2,498 and $2,724. Announcement 74.
Mathematical Statistician, $3,727 to $5,232. Announcement 152.
Mathematician, $3,727 to $6,235. Announcement 123.
Micro-Photographer, $2,086 to $2,724. Announcement 176.
Photographer, $2,086 and $2,284. Announcement 59.
Photostat Operator, $2,086 to $2,724. Announcement 176.
Physicist, $3,727 to $6,235. Announcement 93.
Research Psychologist, $3,727 and $4,479. Announcement 121.
Statistical Assistant, $3,727 to $4,479; Statistical Officer, $4,550 to $7,432. Announcement 152.
Survey Statistician, $3,727 to $5,232. Announcement 152.

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