PHS Negotiates Contract With Tufts University For Enzyme Center

Surgeon General Luther L. Terry recently announced that a contract for establishment of a New England Enzyme Resource at Tufts University School of Medicine has been negotiated with Tufts University by the Public Health Service. The contract involves $644,900 for the first 18 months’ operation, with program administration assigned to the Division of Research Facilities and Resources.

Provides Needed Resource

The new facility, established to provide a much needed special resource, primarily to medical research in New England, will be located in a building adjacent to Tufts University School of Medicine within the Tufts-New England Medical Center complex in downtown Boston.

The NIH project officer will work with a Scientific Advisory Committee composed of scientists from leading universities in the area, as well as with two representatives of the scientific community outside the New England region.

Technical operations and facilities necessary for proper functioning of the Enzyme Resource will be the responsibility of Dr. Stanley

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3 Researchers in Bolivia Recover From Hemorrhagic Fever, Will Continue Study

Three Public Health Service researchers, stricken earlier this month with Bolivian hemorrhagic fever while conducting field studies of the disease in Northeast Bolivia, are recovering and have been discharged from the Gorgas Memorial Hospital in Ancon, Canal Zone, according to recent reports.

The researchers, Dr. Karl M. Johnson, Dr. Donald B. MacKenzie and Angel Munoz, contracted the dread disease in Beni Province where it first appeared in 1959. The disease kills about one out of three who get it.

The 3-man team is part of a cooperative project sponsored by the Bolivian Ministry of Health, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the U. S. Public Health Service, and the Caribbean Command of the U. S. Army.

Specialist Sent by Plane

To provide specialized medical services for the researchers, Dr. George Entwisle of the University of Maryland School of Medicine was flown to Panama City to assist in their treatment. Dr. Entwisle gained his special knowledge of hemorrhagic fever in Korea, where a disease similar to the Bolivian variety exists.

Dr. Smadel Dies, Was Famed for Virology Research

Dr. Joseph E. Smadel, 56, Chief of the Laboratory of Virology and Rickettsiology of the NIH Division of Biological Standards, world-renowned for his pioneering assault on infectious diseases including typhoid fever, scrub typhus and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, died July 21 at University Hospital, Baltimore, after a short illness.

At the time of his death, he was working on several research projects, including cholera control.

The NIH scientist was the first to demonstrate, in 1948, that typhoid and the Rickettsial diseases could be treated successfully with the antibiotic chloramphenicol. Prior to utilization of the drug in typhoid cases, the mortality was 12 percent. It is now less than two percent.

Serves at Rockefeller Institute

Before joining NIH in 1956 as Associate Director for Intramural Research, Dr. Smadel conducted research on virus diseases at Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York, and for 11 years was Chief of the Department of Virus and Rickettsial Diseases at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

This past year, Dr. Smadel received the Albert Lasker Clinical Research Award, one of the most important given in the medical field. The Lasker judges made note of the urgent importance of his discoveries to American personnel in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Smadel helped establish a research laboratory as part of the SEATO program for cholera control, at Daac, Pakistan, and his laboratory recently completed a project in measles research in Upper Volta, West Africa.

More than 730,000 West African children were painlessly inoculated, without the use of needles, by

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WORK INJURY BENEFITS

The question is often asked: What benefits are available to employees who are injured while at work?

In the first place, you are entitled to, and are under an obligation to seek, immediate medical attention from the Employee Health Service. The Federal Employees' Compensation Act also makes the Government responsible for your entire medical care, for rehabilitation service, and for compensation in the event of disability or death. These benefits apply to all employees of the Federal Government, except PHS Commissioned Officers. Similar benefits are available for Commissioned Officers under the medical care and survivor programs of the Armed Services.

Not Covered by FEHB

Your Federal Employees' Health Benefits plans ("health insurance") do not cover medical expenses which are related to a job-connected injury. If you are injured on the job it is important for you to follow your supervisor's advice about obtaining medical treatment. You may otherwise be put to unnecessary medical expense that will not be covered by either your health insurance or the Federal Employees' Health Benefits plans ("health insurance") to your supervisor and obtain first aid from one of the Employee Health Units. These health units service all NIH personnel and personnel of the National Library of Medicine. The Main Health Unit, located in the Clinical Center (Bldg. 10) is open five days a week, from

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65 Speech Therapists Guests of NIH July 11

Sixty-five members of the American Speech and Hearing Association saw and heard a specially arranged program at the National Institute of Dental Research while guests of NIH on July 11. The speech therapists were holding a 3-day meeting in Washington devoted to communicative problems in cleft palate. Dr. John Irwin was chairman of the group. After a welcome by Dr. Robert L. Sikah, Chief of the Institute's Extramural Programs Branch, the Association members inspected the large colony of germfree animals maintained at NIDR. Germfree 20 Generations Dr. Robert J. Fitzgerald, Chief of the Gnotobiotics Section, demonstrated the techniques used in maintaining these animals which have now been bred under germ-free conditions for more than 20 generations.

Other participants included Dr. Carl J. Witkop, Jr., Chief of the Human Genetics Branch, who described Institute activities in the field of genetics, and Dr. James F. Bosma, Chief of the Oral Pharyngeal Development Section, who discussed the clinical investigations now under way and demonstrated the techniques of cinefluorography. Dr. Herbert Cooper outlined chromosome studies in oral-facial anomalies, and Dr. Yasuaki Takagi described anatomic studies of the pharynx.

NIAMD Scientists Elected to ASCI

Two National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases scientists, Drs. J. E. Seegmiller and Baruch S. Blumberg, have been elected to membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Clinical Center Revolving Altar Permits Services in One Chapel by Three Faiths

Always interesting to visitors and new NIH employees is the revolving altar in the Clinical Center chapel, ready for use at any time, which permits Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish services to be held in one graciously appointed chapel seating more than 150 persons.

Through the years it has facilitated the work of the Clinical Center Chaplaincy Service, representing the three major faiths in the U. S. to the patients and their families. The triple altars are mounted on a circular platform which is rotated manually. Use of the turntable altars apparently was introduced during World War II at a Navy recruiting center in New York State. Dedicated in August 1943, it is believed to be the first Navy chapel altar designed for the use of all three faiths.

Altar One of First

The altar in the Clinical Center chapel was installed 10 years ago, when the 14-story building was under construction, making it one of the first of its kind in a United States Government facility. Jewish services are held on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Catholic Mass is celebrated on weekdays at 7 a.m., and Sundays at 7:15 and 8:30 a.m. Protestant services are conducted on Sundays at 10 a.m.

The chapel is open to patients at all times for prayer and meditation, and NIH employees are invited to special services for Easter, Christmas, and certain Holy Days.

Services on Radio

Most patients walk to the chapel services, but those who are unable to do so and wish to attend are taken by wheelchair. The services also are broadcast to the bedside radios of CC patients.

Bibles in either Catholic or Protestant translations, and Torahs are available to the patients from the Chaplaincy Service or the Patients' Library. An extensive selection of other religious literature is also procurable for them upon request.

Robert Burgess, DRG, Wins Suggestion Award

A Beneficial Suggestion Award was presented July 15 to Robert Burgess, audit clerk in the Grants Management Branch, Division of Research Grants, by Dr. E. A. Confrey, Acting Chief of the Division. Mr. Burgess was commended for his suggestion to eliminate posting, in the IBM control book, work that was duplicated in the history cards.

The elimination of the duplicated operation has decreased overtime work in the Grants Management Branch and is estimated to save the Government $6,700 annually.

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NINDB Grantee Successfully Implants Plastic Corneal Disk in Eye of Rabbit

A procedure whereby a plastic corneal implant has been successfully tolerated in the eye of a rabbit for more than four years has been developed by Dr. William Stone, Jr., of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, who is a grantee of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

His exhibit depicting the implantation procedure, displayed at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, won a prize for being the best in the Section on Ophthalmology and received honorable mention among all the exhibits at the AMA meeting.

Dr. Stone said his technique represents toleration of an “incompletely covered foreign body—a concept that was thought to be impossible some 10 years ago.”

The implant is made of methyl methacrylate manufactured in the Ophthalmic Plastics Laboratory of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A team of high polymer chemists make the implant specifically for that purpose, having found the properties of commercial methyl methacrylate too inexact to use in implantation procedures.

25 Percent Benefit

Dr. Stone said that only about 25 percent of persons who are blind or partially blind from corneal scarring can benefit from eye-bank corneal transplantations. In the eye bank procedures, he said, the donor graft often opacifies over and vessels grow into the graft.

The implantation technique, he hopes, will benefit many of the 90,000 persons in the U. S. who are blind or partially blind, plus 10 to 20 percent of the population of many Near and Far Eastern countries who are blind from corneal scarring.

To implant the plastic disk-like cornea, the rabbit’s cornea is split in two layers from limbus to limbus, the implant is slid between these layers, and the disk is sutured along the periphery.

To accommodate the implant, part of the center of the anterior corneal layer is removed by trephination. If opacification occurs, the same procedure is performed on the posterior layer of the cornea.

The disk has holes in its peripheral to permit the ingrowth of fibroelastic tissue. Occlusion of the trephine hole with fibroelastic tissue and epithelial cells was prevented by placing a raised “nubbin” at least 0.75 mm above the corneal disk.

Device Is Adaptable

The presently used plastic implant has a removable threaded nubbin which can be unscrewed from the basic disk. This permits access to the corneal layer behind the disk and allows interchange of the nubbin to suit varying optical prescriptions.

The idea of using plastic for corneal implantation occurred to Dr. Stone after World War II when he examined the eyes of U. S. airmen whose corneas often had 75 or more microscopic slivers of plastic from airplane canopies which were shattered during combat.

“In several cases,” Dr. Stone said, “removal of these tiny splinters would have been tantamount to removing the cornea.” Thus many slivers were left in the eye which in a very short time became tolerant of the plastic and which retained a reasonable amount of good vision.

Dr. Stone said the implantation

Clearinghouse for News

A National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information has been established within the Office of the Associate Director for Extramural Programs at the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. Robert H. Felix, Institute Director, at the same time announced the appointment of Joseph H. Douglass, Ph.D., as Chief of the Clearinghouse, and Lorraine Bouthillet, Ph.D., as Program Director.

The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide a central, coordinated source of information on all aspects of mental health and illness.

When fully operational, the Clearinghouse will collect, analyze, and retrieve information derived from the scientific and professional literature, manpower studies, mental health programs, and all other sources.

Manifold Functions Cited

It will analyze, interpret, and evaluate trends in the mental health field and disseminate scientific and programmatic information to scientists, practitioners, and administrators so that new research findings, therapeutic experiences, and administrative practices can be rapidly put to use. The Clearinghouse also expects to respond to requests for information from professional and lay individuals and groups.

Clearinghouse policy will be to avoid duplication of effort and to foster cooperation among the many organizations now collecting and disseminating mental health information. Informational activities within NIMH will continue, with the Clearinghouse serving to supplement and coordinate them.

The Clearinghouse is now in the planning stage, and several pilot activities have begun. Simultaneously, the design for a comprehensive information system is being developed.

Activities Expand Gradually

Pilot activities as well as the systems design and implementation will be expanded gradually in a series of stages during the next few years, with the expectation that the Clearinghouse will be functioning on a full-scale basis within three or four years.

Announcements will be issued regularly to organizations and groups to keep them informed of the status and available services of the Clearinghouse.

The technique will be applied to human eyes only after it has been proved reliable and safe following “sufficient animal experimentation.”
TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH E. SMADEL
BY DR. JAMES A. SHANNON
WALTER REED CHAPEL
JULY 23, 1963

I T IS A PRIVILEGE for me to have the opportunity to speak to and for the many friends of Joseph SmaDEL at this Memorial Service.

His family and friends may take some measure of solace in the thought that truth does not die, and, in a very real sense the life of a man, so productively engaged for three decades in the discovery of new truths, does not come to an end at any point in time. He continues to live in the contributions to our understanding of man, and untold individuals yet unborn will benefit by the contributions of this great man.

We should not memorialize Joseph SmaDEL in terms of the honors he has received, in terms of Societies that have sought his membership or Universities that have been honored by his acceptance of degrees. Rather, we memorialize Joseph SmaDEL in terms of the present and the future—not in terms of the past. This can be done in some small measure by reading a citation, written in the present tense, quite recently presented to him in tribute by his greatest friends—his fellow scientists.

[Editor's Note: Following is an excerpt from the full text of the Lasker Award of November 16, 1962.]

"Dr. SmaDEL is one of the outstanding scientists of this generation, a tireless investigator, creative and critical thinker, and an inspiring leader. Because of his work, tens of thousands of people throughout the world have been cured of typhoid fever, plague, pellagia, and the ricketsiae disease such as scrub typhus, epidemic plague fever, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. These diseases, which have ravaged peoples and armies throughout medical history, have now been brought under control by Dr. SmaDEL and his colleagues. . . ."

A versatile scientist and a devoted public servant, he has not only contributed significantly to fundamental advances in microbiology but also, in an outstanding degree, to the improvement of public health in this country and throughout the world."

Such a citation, though accurate and well deserved, is quite inadequate as a document of human appreciation of a superb individual.

For a number of us who viewed Joe primarily as a friend and only incidentally as a superb scientist, I would like to add for them and for me a personal note to this very realistic accolade to his scientific talent. As scientists we may grieve an irreplaceable loss, but perhaps even more so we grieve the loss of an ability for continued contact with a true and constant friend.

Each of us who has known Joe intimately has reason to be acutely aware of his penetrating and compassionate understanding of our problems, however personal they may have been.

Truly for all of us this man was a scientist; to many of us who had the good fortune to know him, he was a very great human being with a profound capacity for friendship.

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National Conference on Public Health Training Set for August 19-22

Surgeon General Luther L. Terry of the Public Health Service recently announced that the Second National Conference on Public Health Training will be held in Washington, D. C., August 19-22. The conference will bring together 100 leaders in the several health professions to evaluate the Public Health Service's program of trainships for professional public health workers.

Members include the National Advisory Committee on Public Health Training which was established by law in 1966 to guide the program.

Manpower is Limiting

Commenting on the significance of the conference, Dr. Terry said, "Adaptedly trained public health manpower is in extremely short supply in many sections of the country. "Our trainship program has helped to train more than 4,000 public health professionals over the past seven years, and we look to this conference to help us make a still more effective contribution to recruitment and training in the years ahead."

Dr. William R. Willard, Vice President for the Medical Center, University of Kentucky, will serve as Conference Chairman. Dr. Willard is also Chairman of the President's Health Resources Advisory Committee. Executive Secretary of the Conference is Dr. William L. Kissick of the Public Health Service.

Materials Developed

Four pre-conference committees have developed with the conference staff background materials for consideration by the conferences in the major areas of concern. The four areas and chairmen are:

- Mission of Public Health Training—Dr. Myron E. Wegman, Dean, School of Public Health, University of Michigan; Training Needs and Resources—Dr. Kerr White, Chairman, Dept. of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Vermont; Personnel Needs and Resources—Dr. Ralph E. Dwork, Deputy Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and Policy and Administration—Dr. John D. Porterfield, Coordinator of Medical and Health Services, University of California.

Definition of abstract art: "A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered."—Al Capp.

21 PHS Commissioned Corps Physicians Embark on New NCI Planning Program

A group of 21 PHS Commissioned Corps physicians were brought to active duty at the National Cancer Institute this month to embark on a new program combining various aspects of research planning and management with clinical medicine. Assigned to various NCI activities, these physicians are in addition to the Clinical and Research Associates.

Of the group, nine have been assigned to hospitals and university medical centers across the country to take on assignments in NCI's nationwide cancer chemotherapy research program. They will work directly with the chairmen of nine of the groups of physicians participating in clinical trials within the program.

Communications Expedited

In addition to participating in clinical chemotherapy and its associated specialties, they will also help expedite communications between the cooperating groups and NCI's Collaborative Research staff, which administers the chemotherapy program.

A small group of physician-officers will be based in the Office of the NCI Director. During their first year here they will rotate through various NCI areas of research planning and management.

This group includes Drs. Gay R. Newell, Donald W. Schlott, Nathaniel T. Connally, Jr., and Thomas E. Steele.

Two others, Drs. Samuel Shoss and Michael R. Fogel, will be working in administration in the Office of the Associate Director for Grants and Training.

Dr. Ronald A. Yankee has been assigned to the Institute's Medicine Branch, where he will combine clinical research activity with certain administrative duties.

Dr. Tate M. Minckler will be working in the Virology Research Resources Branch.

Of the nine officers assigned to field positions with cooperative chemotherapy groups, eight are new to the Public Health Service. One, Dr. Thomas G. McGinn, has been a Commissioned Officer since 1961, when he became associated with the chemotherapy program as a member of the staff of the Institute's Clinical Branch, Collaborative Research. He will be at Duke University, Durham, N. C.

The others in the group with Dr. McGinn, and their assigned stations, are: Drs. Raymond D. Bahr, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.; Stephen E. Blomgren, University of Wisconsin; Philip J. Burke, University of California, Los Angeles; H. Thomas Foley, Georgetown University; John P. Howard, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City; Leland E. Kellerhouse, University of Illinois, Chicago; Michael E. Siegelman, M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Tex., and David C. Stolinsky, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

4 in Chemotherapy

Four of the 21 physician-officers will be in the chemotherapy program as staff members of NCI's Clinical Branch. They are Drs. Bayard H. Morrison, Jose L. Campos, Philip J. Burke, and Stanley Schwartz.

To prepare for their assignments, the officers underwent an intensive orientation at NIH during the first three weeks of July. They were thoroughly briefed on all NCI activities. Areas of specialty interest and training include internal medicine and hematology, pathology, pediatrics, and radiation therapy.

Intramolecular Defect in Collagen Maturation Indicated in Lathyrism

A new National Institute of Dental Research study of lathyrism indicates that a defect in the intramolecular crosslinking of collagen affects the integrity of connective tissue.

The toxic condition known as lathyrism is caused by eating the sweet pea Lathyrus odoratus. The symptoms include a general weakening of muscular function and increased tissue fragility and such connective tissue malformations as exostoses, hernias, and aneurysms.

This condition can be induced in growing animals by the administration of several simple compounds, including beta-aminopropionitrile.

Molecular Defect Responsible

The gross symptoms of lathyrism appear to be due to a molecular defect in the normal maturation process of collagen, according to Drs. G. R. Martin, Karl A. Piez, and Marc S. Lewis, all of the Laboratory of Biochemistry, NIDR.

The investigators based the recent study, reported in the Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, on a previous finding that one step in the normal formation of collagen is a biochemical process creating covalent bonds between newly synthesized primary subunits.

In the new study, the metabolism of skin collagen in normal and lathyritic rats has been compared by isotope incorporation experiments, chromatography, and C14 assay.

The investigators demonstrated in lathyritic collagen a decreased number of crosslinks between primary subunits and slowing down of the process of building larger units believed to contribute normally to the tensile strength of collagen.

Primary Effect Postulated

The disruption of intramolecular crosslinks or interference with their formation, the investigators report, may be the primary effect of the toxic agents causing lathyrism.

In the absence of crosslinking, it is likely that collagen fibrils would not attain optimal tensile strength.

This study emphasizes the importance of the maturation of connective tissue through crosslinking and suggests that there may be pathological conditions, other than lathyrism, which could affect the process.

Money talks—but the only thing it says to most people is "Good bye."—The Washington Post.
Medical-Legal Study of Mentally Ill Criminals Receives NMH Support

A year-long study to collect information on day-to-day legal and medical handling of mentally ill criminal offenders has been undertaken by the American Bar Association with the assistance of a $99,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

This medical-legal endeavor, ranging over California, Florida, Illinois, New York, and the District of Columbia, will have nine psychiatrists and six lawyers as consultants.

Officials Observed

Police officers, judges, magistrates, attorneys, psychiatrists, mental hospital and prison personnel, and others who daily deal with mentally ill offenders will be observed and interviewed at their work.

Richard N. Janopsaul, American Bar Association research attorney, and Dr. Marcus A. Jacobson, a practicing psychiatrist, are co-directors for the project.

Study Findings, according to the co-directors, should supply a basis for critical review of traditional ideas concerning the responsibility and treatment of mentally ill criminal offenders.

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E. Charm, Technical Director, who was recommended by the Scientific Advisory Committee, and appointed by Tufts University as Associate Professor of Biochemical Engineering.

It is planned to isolate and purify on a large scale certain naturally-occurring biopolymers and enzymes that are not available in the state of purity or quantity needed for fundamental research.

Primary emphasis will be placed on materials directly involved in the synthesis and metabolism of proteins, amino acids, nucleic acids, polynucleotides, subcellular particulates and fractions, and concentrates and extracts of these substances.

Consultants Give Advice

Engineering consultants from several universities and elsewhere will provide advice concerning the basic physical arrangement of the laboratory and certain special equipment that must be installed.

Dr. Alton Meister, Head of the Department of Biochemistry at Tufts University School of Medicine, and a prime mover in setting up the new Resource, has stated research progress in a number of important areas of medical science can be accelerated by making available large and suitable quantities of purified biologicals.

For example, an understanding of the relationship between molecular structure of an enzyme and its function requires sufficient amounts of pure enzyme to carry out determinations of molecular weight, amino acid composition, amino acid sequence, and studies on the tertiary and quaternary configurations of the protein.

All this requires a considerable amount of pure protein. For example, in Cambridge, England, Dr. Frederick Sanger’s pioneering work on the amino acid sequence of beef insulin would not have been possible if beef insulin had not been available in quantity. This work brought him the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1958.

New Dimension Expected

Many enzymes have been studied only by determinations of their activity,” Dr. Meister said, “and are known only because of what they do when present in minute quantities. We can expect that when such biological substances are available in pure form and in good quantity, a new dimension will be added to enzyme research.

“There are now a great many medical scientists in the several universities of New England who are carrying out research projects in which attempts are being made to gain information at the molecular level. Many of these scientists need materials in their own laboratories, even though such preparation puts a severe strain on the usual facilities.

“When these materials are available in larger amounts, more of the scientists’ time can be devoted to experiments.”

The new facility will not undertake the preparation of substances that are now commercially available.

In addition, all new procedures developed in the facility will be made available to interested individuals and commercial establishments. Whenever commercial producers are willing to take over, the Tufts Center will turn to producing other needed materials.

Six scientists who will serve on the Scientific Advisory Committee are: Dr. Nathan O. Kaplan, Brandeis University (Biochemistry); Dr. John T. Edsall, Harvard College (Biology); Dr. Bert L. Vallee, Harvard Medical School (Biophysics and Medicine); Dr. Irwin W. Sizer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Biology); Dr. Morris E. Friedkin, Tufts University School of Medicine (Pharmacology); and Dr. Alton Meister, Tufts University School of Medicine (Biochemistry).

Recent Motion Picture On Juvenile Delinquency Has Support of NMH

"Headed for Trouble," a film designed to improve police methods of handling juvenile delinquents, was made recently by the Public Affairs Committee under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

The 16 mm sound, black-and-white, training film is designed to start a discussion that will lead members of the audience to discover for themselves the best methods of dealing with youthful offenders in their particular community.

Uniformed and juvenile police and juvenile court officers are depicted as they deal with three typical cases: a girl in revolt against parental "mismangement," a neglected and sullen "repeater," and an emotionally disturbed, habitual "fighter."

Police in Film

The film was produced by Nicholaus C. Read of Potomac Films, Inc., and photographed in Prince Georges County, Md., using actual police and court personnel.

Prints of the film are available either in a full-length, 41-minute version, or a 29-minute version, credited especially for television showings. They may be purchased or rented from the Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York.

NIAID Will Pay Volunteers In Summer Colds Research

Dr. Robert M. Chanock of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, NIAID, whose laboratory has been conducting a comprehensive study of the "eczema cold" group of infections, reports that "additional volunteers with summer colds are essential to the continuation of the project."

Until now there has been a sufficient number of volunteers for the project, Dr. Chanock said, but with the "advent of summer there has been a tap-pounding." Underway since last November, the study is designed to isolate and identify unknown upper respiratory viruses through studies of nasal washings and blood specimens.

Volunteers with summer colds, particularly those within the first three days of infection, are paid $2 each for the two blood specimens necessary for the study. Those wishing to participate in the project may obtain further information from Mrs. Hilda Kennedy, Ext. 08811.
Dr. Robert L. Ingram and Dr. Abraham Dury have been appointed Scientist Administrators in the Research Grants Branch of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

In his new position, Dr. Ingram will analyze and review research grant applications and assist in the development of grant-supported research programs in the biological sciences, especially in the area of biochemistry.

Dr. Dury will be responsible for the analysis and evaluation of research in the biochemical sciences and for the maintenance and continued development of a highly effective grant-supported research program in this area.

Comes From NIAID

Dr. Ingram comes to NIGMS from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, where, as a research biochemist, he participated in research on immunofluorescence, tissue culture, chemotheraphy, and nucleic acids of malarial parasites.

Prior to joining NIGMS, Dr. Dury was Technical Director of the Research-in-Aging Section, General Medical Research, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh for three and one-half years. During this period he also was a Research Associate Professor of Cellular Physiology in the Department of Anatomy, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
2 NIDR Staff Changes Announced by Dr. Arnold

Two staff changes in the Extramural Programs Branch of the National Institute of Dental Research were announced recently by Dr. Francis A. Arnold, Jr., Institute Director.

Dr. Philip Ross, Assistant Chief of the Training Section since 1962, has been named Acting Chief of the Research Grants Section. In this position, he will be responsible for the administration and formulation of the overall program planning of the dental research grants program. A major goal of the Research Grants Section is to develop well balanced programs based on national research needs and objectives in dentistry.

A former Fulbright Research Scholar, Dr. Ross served with the Military Geology Branch of the U. S. Geological Survey before coming to NIDR.

Scientific Interests Cited

A professor-lecturer at American University since 1958, Dr. Ross's major scientific interests are in tropical ecology, distributional patterns of vegetation and microclimates.

In the second staff change, Nelson E. Lyttle has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Dental Program-Project Committee. He will be responsible for development of broad programs involving the research interests of many investigators.

The Program-Project Committee recommends grants for large programs which are beyond the scope of individual research grants.

Before coming to NIDR in 1958 he was for many years a scientific administrator with the U. S. Army Chemical Corps.

New Office Set Up to Aid Reassigned 'CO' and Civilian Employees in Moving

James B. Davis, Chief of the Supply Management Branch, has announced the establishment of a new office to handle the shipment of household goods and personal effects of NIH civilian employees and all PHS Commissioned Officers in the Washington, D.C., area.

Designated the Household Effects Movement Office, it is under the supervision of David S. Smith, Freight Traffic Officer of the Property and Supply Section, SMB.

Dr. Keresztesy Named Chief of NIAMD Lab of Nutrition, Endocrinology

Dr. John C. Keresztesy has been appointed Chief of the Laboratory of Nutrition and Endocrinology, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, which he has served in an acting capacity since December.

As Chief of the Laboratory's Section on Fractionation and Isolation since 1949, Dr. Keresztesy made a number of outstanding contributions in the field of folic acid metabolism that have advanced both nutrition and biochemistry, as well as clinical medicine.

Isolates Citrovorum Factor

Among his major contributions at NIH are the isolation from natural sources of the "citrovorum factor," a form of the vitamin, folic acid, and the isolation and synthesis of "Prefolic A," which is a major folic acid compound in liver.

Prior to joining NIAMD in 1947, Dr. Keresztesy was with the Cancer Research Laboratory at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, studying the role of folic acid in cancer chemotherapy.

From 1934 to 1945 he was Head of the Nutritional Research Laboratory at Merck and Company, Inc., Rahway, N.J. He worked there on the isolation and chemistry of various B vitamins, thiamine, pyridoxine, pantothenic acid, biotin and riboflavin, a form of folic acid.

Degrees, Affiliations Cited

Dr. Keresztesy receieved his B.S. degree from City College of New York in 1928 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University in 1932 and 1935, respectively.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, the Washington Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Biological Chemists, and the New York Academy of Medicine.

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Standards, Dr. Stewart established the polyoma virus in tissue culture and found that it would produce many different kinds of cancer in several species of laboratory animals.

Antonio Segni, President of the Italian Republic, presented the prize to Dr. Stewart at a ceremony at the Academy in Rome on June 14. Other prizes were awarded for achievements in the arts and sciences.

On June 16 and 17, Dr. Stewart and Dr. John B. Moloney, also of NCI's Laboratory of Viral Oncology, participated in an international symposium on leukemia at the National Academy of Lincei.

Dr. Stewart spoke on "The Demonstration of Viruses in Cultures of Human Leukemia Cells." Dr. Moloney's subject was "Studies on a Murine Leukemia Virus and Their Application to the Human Problem."