NICHD Stresses 4 Program Areas In Reorganization

A reorganization of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has been announced by Dr. Donald Harting, Director.

The reorganization, approved by PHS, will place principal emphasis on four scientific program areas:

- Reproduction, Growth and Development
- Aging, and Mental Retardation
- Prevention, Control, and Evaluation
- Mental Health Services

President asks $2.5 Billion for PHS in Fiscal 1967; NIH Share Is $1.31 Billion

In submitting the Fiscal Year 1967 Federal Budget to Congress Jan. 24, President Johnson included a request of nearly $1.31 billion for the National Institutes of Health for the coming fiscal year. The Fiscal Year 1967 NIH budget request exceeds by $62 million the amount appropriated to NIH for Fiscal 1966.

NIH funds are provided in the Public Health Service request of almost $2.5 billion. The latter is part of the Administration’s budget request of nearly $11.7 billion for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Another $60 million is budgeted for the Department under proposed legislation.

New Classification Set For Hearing Handicaps

Guidelines to categorize hearing impairments is the aim of a recent study supported by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

Investigators have established standards for relating the hearing handicap of the individual, under varying circumstances of everyday life, to the more accurate measurements of pure-tone audiometry. These standards were seriously needed for statistical purposes in determining requirements for facilities and trained personnel.

Dr. Hallowell Davis of the Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo., prepared the report of the investigation with the assistance of the Subcommittee on Hearing in Adults for the Committee on Conservation of Hearing.

NIMH Study Shows Man’s Job Affects Child Rearing Regardless of Nationality

By Karen Levin

A man’s job profoundly affects how he rears his children, whatever his nationality, two National Institute of Mental Health sociologists have found in studies of parents in Italy and the United States.

The father’s occupation so firmly shapes his values that they carry over into his child-rearing practices, Drs. Leonard Pearlman and Melvin Kohan of the Institute’s Laboratory of Socio-Environmental Studies reported in a recent Clinical Center seminar.

The investigators interviewed 861 working-class and middle-class parents of fifth-grade school children in Turin, Italy, and asked them to choose from a list of 17 characteristics the three they considered most important for a boy or girl at their child’s age. Then the scientists compared the results with a similar earlier study of parents in Washington, D.C.

In some ways, the values of Italian and American parents turned out to be alike. For example, honesty was given the highest priority of all the 17 characteristics by parents in both Nations.

Certain national differences were underscored. Regardless of social class, American parents’ values (See NIMH STUDY, Page 8)

Regional Programs Vary

Since much emphasis will be placed on local initiative in planning and organization, the exact nature of an individual regional program will vary according to the needs and resources of that region.

However, it is expected that coordinated patient referral, cooperative use of advanced medical equipment, continuing education for medical personnel, the development (See NEW DIVISION, Page 6)

New Division With Marston as Chief Effective Feb. 1

Dr. James A. Shannon, Director of NIH, last week announced the establishment of a new Division of Regional Medical Programs and the appointment of Dr. Robert Q. Marston, NIH Associate Director for Regional Medical Programs as Chief of the new Division, effective Feb. 1.

The Division will administer grants authorized by Public Law 89-239 — the “Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke Amendments of 1965”—to encourage and assist in the establishment of regional cooperative programs involving the Nation’s medical institutions and members of the health professions.

More Diagnosis Seen

These programs will afford to the medical community increased opportunities to make the latest advances in the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease, cancer, and stroke more widely available to all Americans. These diseases account for nearly 70 percent of all deaths in this country each year.

Under the regional cooperative programs medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions may join together to carry out research, training, and demonstrations of patient care directed toward accomplishing the objectives of the legislation.

Booklet Traces History Of Mental Illness, Care

Facts and fancies about mental illness, from witchcraft practices to contemporary community mental health centers, are presented in an illustrated booklet issued recently by the National Institute of Mental Health.

The 20-page publication, Mental Illness and Its Treatment—Past and Present, traces the historical development of man’s recognition of and reaction to the problems of defective behavior among members of his social community.

Single copies of the booklet, PHS Publication No. 1345, may be obtained free of charge from the Public Health Service, Washington, D.C. 20201.
Ten Retire From DRS; Serve Federal Gov't A Total of 234 Years

Ten NIH employees, with a combined total Federal service of 234 years, recently retired from the Plant Engineering Branch, Division of Research Services.

The former employee were Newton Carrington (39 years of government service), electrician; Lawrence E. Colvin (36 years); sheet metal worker; and Cyril Merrick (30 years), incinerator operator foreman.

Also Wilbern O. Cissel (31 years), electrician foreman; Ruth T. Reynolds (21 years), clerk-typist; and Glenn H. St. Johns (17 years), fixed industrial equipment operator lead foreman.

Also Vinson Mullican (17 years), fixed industrial equipment operator; Obie Hawker Sr. (14 years); plumber; and R. Stacy Brunson (12 years), plumber, fixed industrial equipment operator.

All Savings Bonds Above $25 'Average-Dated'

The Treasury Department has announced that all Savings Bonds above the $25 denomination bought by Federal agency and military payroll savers will now be "average-dated." This means that $50 and higher denomination bonds will be dated as of the first of the month in which half of the purchase price is accumulated, regardless of the total number of payroll deductions required to buy the bond.

This change, the Civil Service Commission notes, comes at a most appropriate time—just when it can serve as an additional incentive to put part of the recent pay raise into savings.

On August 10, 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield W. and first gift of 45 acres of their estate "Tree Tops" for use of the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.—NIH Almanac.
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both intramural and extramural research activities.

The Reproduction Program, with Dr. Hertz as Acting Program Director, will be concerned with clinical, biological, and behavioral aspects of animal and human reproduction. Problems of fertilization, pregnancy, congenital malformations, and perinatal biology will be included.

The Growth and Development Program, under the direction of Dr. Dwan Walcher, will be concerned with factors accounting for differences in development up to adulthood. Biological, psychological, social, and cultural considerations will be included.

The Associate Director for Planning, NICHD, will be included.

Scope of Aging Program

The Aging Program, under the direction of Dr. Leroy E. Duncan, will be concerned with biological, behavioral, and social aspects of aging. Dr. Duncan is Acting Program Director.

The Mental Retardation Program, to be directed by Dr. Gerald LaVee, will deal with all aspects of retardation from the biomedical, behavioral, and social points of view. In cooperation with the Division of Research Facilities and Resources, this unit also administers a program of construction and support of centers for research in mental retardation and related aspects of human development.

In addition to defining the four major scientific program areas, the reorganization also provides for three Associate Directors.

Technical and administrative services will be provided by the Associate Director for Program Services and his staff. Under his direction will be the Extramural and Contract Management Branch, the Facilities and Resources Branch, the Program Statistics Branch, and the Epidemiology and Biometry Branch.

Staff Duties Listed

The Associate Director for Planning and his staff will be responsible for projecting needs and future activities of the Institute.

Finally, provision is made for an Associate Director for Technical Communications, within whose area will be the Public Information Branch, the Interdisciplinary Conference Branch, and the Scientific Information Centers Branch.

DRS Develops Shedding Tent To Detect Microbe Carriers

Aside from normal anxieties in an operating room, hidden threats to the recovery of a patient are sometimes found in the air and on the surfaces of the surgical suite.

Among these undesirable elements are the disease-producing microorganisms. The best known microbe is still the Staphylococcus aureus ("staph"). This organism has become a problem in hospital communities, especially since the advent of antibiotics.

When it infects the patient, this organism often extends his stay in the hospital and occasionally may even be fatal. Efforts have been made by research workers in many countries to eliminate these harmful micro-organisms from the hospital environment.

Tent Aids Solution

As a contribution to a possible solution of this problem, members of the Environmental Services Branch, Division of Research Services, have recently developed a plastic unit called a "shedding tent," designed to detect the potential carrier and shedder of this organism among hospital staff and patients.

This tent is one of a handful of plastic-type units of this particular kind in use in the country today.

The tent is portable and has proven helpful in all areas of the hospital where staph infection can become a problem. It has also been successful in detecting a shedder who was working with specific-pathogen-free animals in the DRS Laboratory Aids Branch.

Strict precautions are necessary here, too, so that these disease-free animals are not contaminated with undesirable species of bacteria.

The shedding tent is designed to provide an enclosure which is of a known volume and easily decontaminated. It has been used in various studies to evaluate reduction of skin shedding by bathing with various products, to evaluate shedding as related to rate of activity, and to evaluate clean room garments against conventional surgical garments.

A new clean room garment in use here now is made of a dacron-rayon synthetic herringbone twill fabric and has been found to be effective in experimental trials.

It is being considered for use in surgery as soon as the problem of static electricity buildup in the garment can be overcome. Presently it is being used by the staff working with the specific-pathogen-free animals in the Laboratory Aids Branch.

Experiments Cited

While experimenting with the shedding tent, researchers tried various methods of controlling shedding of skin bacteria. Paradoxically, they found that showering just prior to entering the tent only caused many to shed even more organisms than non-showered personnel.

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The first step in operating the shedding tent is to assemble the tent. (See SHEDDING TENT, Page 1)

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By Tony Anastasi

2,000 Centers by '75

The National Institute of Mental Health has defined center as: "An organized program of mental health services, the Governors' offices, State mental health authorities, Congressmen, other officials of the NIMH and representatives of some 40 organizations interested in mental health.

Noting the burden on the limited tax base of the States, the resolution also declared that it is imperative for the Federal Government to provide critically needed additional seed money for community mental health programs.

Specifically, the resolution urged the States to pass new and expanded community mental health services acts which provide for State-local matching funds for community mental health facilities.

Conference to Implement Mental Health Programs Held in Chicago Recently

The National Institute of Mental Health was co-sponsor of a meeting which attracted 350 Federal and State mental health officials and interested laymen to Chicago recently.

Purpose of the conference was to discuss methods to speed implementation of community mental health programs.

Conferences unanimously approved a resolution calling for increased effort to create community mental health centers.

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Diagnostic, Study Clinic To Investigate Mental Retardation in Children

An outpatient children's diagnostic and study clinic, believed to be the first of its kind located on a military facility, was officially opened recently by officials of the Medical Department of the Navy and the National Institutes of Health.

The facility, called the Children's Diagnostic and Study Unit, is situated on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and serves children of military personnel eligible to receive care at the U.S. Naval Hospital.

The unit operates as a direct research activity of the Mental Retardation Program of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and is run on a cooperative basis with the Pediatric Service of the U.S. Naval Hospital.

Research conducted in the unit is clinical in nature, concentrating on the biomedical and behavioral aspects of mental retardation.

Full Diagnostic Services

As a part of its function, the unit provides complete diagnostic and evaluation studies aimed at detecting mental retardation, gives parent counseling and guidance and, where necessary, suggests facilities where further treatment or training may be obtained for the child diagnosed as mentally retarded.

In addition, the unit's staff utilizes selected educational and therapeutic procedures to help retarded children and their families, when ever such procedures may aid investigations underway there.

Researchers working in the unit include pediatricians, neurologists, psychologists, geneticists, child psychiatrists, social workers, speech and hearing specialists, nursery school teachers, nutritionists, and public health nurses.

Association of Mycoplasma and Leukemia Suggested in Results of Three Studies

Results of three studies on mycoplasma contribute additional information to recent reports suggesting an occasional association—though not necessarily causative—between these micro-organisms and leukemia.

Papers describing the studies appear in the January issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

In the major study, National Institutes of Health scientists used a direct culture procedure (broth-agar) to isolate mycoplasma from blood and bone marrow specimens of 10 patients with acute leukemia. Control cultures of 10 bone marrow specimens obtained from heart surgery patients were negative for mycoplasma.

Findings Significant

These findings are particularly significant since most previous isolations of mycoplasma from patients with leukemia and other diseases have been carried out in tissue cultures that frequently harbor mycoplasma as contaminants.

The strains isolated from 3 of the 4 leukemia patients at NIH were identified serologically, as Mycoplasma orale, a common inhabitant of the human oral cavity.

Mycoplasma isolated from the fourth patient was not typed. Isolations were made during the early clinical stages of leukemia and before the patients showed evidence of any other illness.

Mycoplasma Isolated

Mycoplasma isolated in this study by Dr. Michael P. Barile, Donald R. Riggs, and Marion W. Grabowski, Laboratory of Bacterial Products, Division of Biology Standards, and by Drs. Gerald P. Bodey and Joseph Snyder, Medicine Branch, NCI, were identical to the one strain of mycoplasma isolated by direct culture earlier from a leukemia bone marrow specimen by Drs. Leonard Hayflick, Wistar Institute, Philadelphia.

The present study shows that M. orale can be found in blood as well as bone marrow of patients with acute myelocytic and acute lymphocytic leukemia.

In a follow-up of this study, the ultrastructure of M. orale isolated from these leukemia patients was determined electron microscopically by Dr. Douglas R. Anderson, formerly of NCI's Laboratory of Viral Carcinogenesis and now at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, and by Dr. Barile.

In negatively stained tissue preparations most organisms were seen as round bodies approximately 1 mu in diameter with several filaments emerging from their surface, but there were many variations.

This observed variety in shape prompted the scientists to suggest that M. orale may have more than one type of reproduction, some of the morphologic forms being similar to virus-like particles seen in plasma pellets of leukemia patients.

Anderson Issues 3d Paper

In a third paper, another mycoplasma strain, PPLO 889, is described by Dr. Anderson. He and Dr. Robert A. Manaker, Laboratory of Viral Carcinogenesis, NCI, examined with the electron microscope broth and tissue cultures of strain 889.

They found that the 889 strain also exhibited considerable variety in size, internal structure, and shape, suggesting that this mycoplasma may also vary in methods of replication.

Although M. orale strain 889 was usually found attached to the cell surface, it was occasionally seen within the cell cytoplasm.

Dr. Gluckstein Appointed NLM Coordinator for Veterinary Affairs

The appointment of Dr. Fritz P. Gluckstein as Coordinator for Veterinary Affairs for the National Library of Medicine was announced recently by Dr. Martin M. Cummings, NLM Director.

"This Library is making an effort to increase its holdings in the field of veterinary medicine and to improve its services to the veterinary community," Dr. Cummings said.

Responsibilities Described

"As Coordinator of Veterinary Affairs, Dr. Gluckstein will be concerned with coordinating the Library's involvement in veterinary medicine and veterinary science in general. He will also assist in updating veterinary science vocabulary for Medical Subject Headings."

Dr. Gluckstein is former Chief of the Microbiology Branch of the Science Information Exchange of the Smithsonian Institution. He holds B.S. and D.V.M. degrees from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Gluckstein, a Commissioned Officer in the PHS Commissioned Corps, is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and the Royal Society of Health, London, England.

SHEDDING TENT

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Dr. W. B. Dockstader, Chief of the Bacteriology Unit, ESF (right), and Bob Houseknecht study an isolated "gray" organism shed by subject in shedding tent.

plastic tent where it is to be used. The interior surfaces are then sprayed with germicidal solution, and after a 30-minute holding period the tent is flushed out with clean air.

Two slit-type bacteriological air samplers are set up inside the tent. The subject is placed inside the tent and the air samplers are turned on. He stays in the tent from five minutes to one hour, and his activity levels may be varied for definite measured periods of time, either sitting, standing, or running.

Test Is Completed

When the test is completed, the subject leaves the tent, the air samplers are turned off, and the agar plates are removed and incubated for 24 to 48 hours. Organisms shed by the subject and impinged on the media can be readily counted and identified by usual laboratory techniques.

The shedding tent has been helpful in evaluating the total shedding potential of patients and hospital personnel, both regarding numbers and species of organisms that are contributed to the environment.

Since the tent is enclosed and decontaminated between uses, only viable organisms released by each test subject are recovered during the test period.

Thus far, the shedding tent has been a valuable tool in studying the role of non-pathogenic as well as pathogenic organisms, according to members of the Environmental Services Branch.
Dr. Ray Is Appointed NINDB Branch Chief

Dr. Richard L. Masland, Director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, recently announced the appointment of Dr. O. Malcolm Ray as Chief of the Research Grants Branch, Extramural Programs.

Dr. Ray comes to NINDB from the National Cancer Institute where, since 1956, he has served in several positions. His last appointment there was as Acting Chief of the Research Grants Branch.

Dr. Ray's extensive teaching background includes the positions of Assistant Professor of Zoology and Physiology at North Dakota State College and Assistant Professor of Physiology at the University of Notre Dame.

Background Cited

He received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa in 1938, and served in the Army Air Force during World War II as an aviation physicist.

Prior to his NIH service Dr. Ray held several staff posts with the National Research Council.

Dr. Ray is a member of the American Society of Zoologists, the New York Academy of Sciences, and other professional societies. He has authored or co-authored numerous scientific papers.

Experts Present Latest Clinical Research Data On Hodgkin's Disease

The National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society co-sponsored a meeting of these experts in New York City recently to present the latest clinical information and research findings on Hodgkin's disease.

About 300 physicians attended the meeting, the second in a series planned to acquaint practicing physicians with up-to-date information on malignant disease.

A symposium on the clinical aspects of acute leukemia was held in May 1964.

Some of the research reported at the November meeting is supported by Cancer Institute grants.

The subjects of the papers presented included the clinical features, diagnosis, immunologic status, and natural history of Hodgkin's disease, as well as treatment with radiotherapy, chemotherapy, and newer approaches.

Dr. Sidney Farber, Director of the Children's Cancer Research Foundation in Boston, was chairman of the program planning committee.

OIR Program of Int'l Centers Provides Unique Research, Training Opportunities

By Frances Davis

Significant contributions in a variety of biomedical disciplines are being made by five universities now participating in the program for International Centers for Medical Research and Training.

The ICMRT program encompasses such diverse research as scientists in Costa Rica developing an effective drug for treatment of dermal leishmaniasis and Malaysian researchers isolating dengue virus from mosquitoes, a proven vector of hemorrhagic fever.

The program is administered by the NIH Office of International Research. Dr. Milo D. Leavitt Jr., Chief of the International Programs Section, OIR, directs the ICMRT program, assisted by Dr. Philip Ross.

Established in 1960 the program at present has five participating institutions—University of California, University of Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins University, Louisiana State University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, and Tulane University.

The International Centers derive their financial support from direct NIH research grant awards subject to regular NIH review and approval procedures. When such a grant is approved, the individual U.S. university establishes an International Center within its own domestic organization.

Foreign Centers Collaborate

At the same time the university negotiates with a foreign institution of its choice to establish an affiliate Center, which will have the necessary research facilities and technical competence to support the research programs agreed upon. These collaborative centers afford scientific conditions unavailable in this country.

One of the most important features of this program is that of long-term support. Grants are awarded for five years with continued support contingent upon program review at the end of the third year of operation.

Another major advantage is that it enables highly competent scientists to exploit valuable research opportunities abroad without losing their university affiliations.

Thus far 40 research investigators have completed their studies, benefitting from the unique research opportunities provided by the International Centers. These postdoctoral and graduate students in the medical and health fields have pursued their research overseas, usually for two years.

The program has succeeded in its aim to increase the number of competent U.S. scientists and has encouraged foreign affiliate institutions to develop their training and research resources.

Each of the universities in the program takes advantage of its own scientific research interests and experience as well as the unique environmental and medical conditions afforded by the collaborating foreign center.

LSU IN Costa Rica

For instance, Louisiana State University is collaborating with the University of Costa Rica in San Jose.

The location of this research center provides an exceptional opportunity for a statistical survey and extensive pathological study of stomach cancer, extremely prevalent in Costa Rica.

Another facet of the research in San Jose is the development of an effective agent against cutaneous leishmaniasis. The agent, cycloquanil pamoate, suspended in a mixture of benzyl benzoate and castor oil is a striking example of the influence of the physical state of a drug on its effectiveness.

The University of California is collaborating with the Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the University of Singapore. This Center has placed emphasis on infectious diseases transmitted from animals to man.

Johns Hopkins University is collaborating with the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, the All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health and the Postgraduate Institute for Medical Education and Research in Calcutta, India.

Program emphasis here is directed toward the etiology, therapy, and epidemiology of human diseases of large populations and the ecology and behavior of animals which live in association with man.

The University of Maryland, in collaboration with the Institute of Hygiene, Lahore, has initiated an extensive and varied research program in West Pakistan.

Uterine Cervical Cancer Risk Higher Among Poor

Scientists of the Public Health Service and University of Louisville have found evidence supporting a long-held belief that the risk of uterine cervical cancer is considerably higher among the poor.

The collaborative study, which was supported in part by a PHS contract, involved nine years of community-based believing for uterine cervical cancer among women in Louisville and Jefferson County, Ky.

During this interval, more than 413,000 "Pap smears," specimens of cells obtained from the vagina, were examined with a microscope.

Two findings stand out in this study. In Louisville, the number of new cases of invasive cervical cancer for each 100,000 women ranged from 25 for the highest socioeconomic area to 63 for the lowest income area.

Cases Are 27 per 100,000

Among women living outside the city limits, in general an upper-income area, the number of cases was about 27 per 100,000.

Furthermore, as the study progressed, more cases than expected were found in early stages, which are more responsive to curative treatment.

The scientists suggest that, "It would thus seem that, if a substantial decrease in morbidity (illness) from this disease is to be accomplished, one should concentrate on, or at least give some priority to, the cytologic examination of ... underprivileged groups."

These findings were reported in the December issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute by Dr. Frank E. Lundin Jr. and Winifred M. Mendez, NCI, and Drs. William M. Christensen and James E. Parker, University of Louisville School of Medicine.
and support of medical teams trained in advanced diagnosis and treatment, and planning to meet the medical needs of the future may all be aspects of regional programs.

The National Advisory Council on Regional Medical Programs, a 12-member panel of leaders in health and related fields, recently held its first meeting.

The Council at that time recommended a draft of program regulations for consideration by the PHS Surgeon General. After approval by the Surgeon General, these regulations will be published in the Federal Register. Grant application forms and program guidelines will be made available shortly thereafter.

Interest Reported

While formal applications are not yet being accepted, letters of interest from institutions and individuals throughout the Nation have been received. Actual grant applications will be reviewed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Meanwhile, Dr. William H. Stewart, PHS Surgeon General, appointed Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois School of Medicine, as the twelfth member of the Council (See NIH Record, Dec. 14, 1965).

NEW DIVISION
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Dr. Shannon Names NIH Medical Board Chairman

A new chairman and four new members have been appointed to the NIH Medical Board by Dr. James A. Shannon, Director of NIH, for calendar year 1966.

Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson, NHI, will serve as chairman and the new members are Dr. Roger L. Black, CC; Dr. Eugene Braunwald, NHI; Dr. John L. Decker, NIAMD; and Dr. Griff T. Ross, NICHD.

The Medical Board, composed of 16 members and 8 committees, develops policies governing standards of medical care in the Clinical Center.

All actions of the Board are advisory to the Director of NIH. Where approved by him, the Board’s recommendations become operating policies of the hospital.

Dr. Robert M. Farrier, CC, will continue as executive secretary. Other continuing members are Drs. Maitland Baldwin, NINDB; Dr. Nathaniel I. Berlin, NCI; Dr. Philip V. Cardon Jr., NIMH; and Dr. Edward J. Driscoll, NIDR.

Also Dr. Paul J. Schmidt, CC; Dr. Herbert S. Gross, NNMB; Dr. Harold A. Greenberg, NIMH; Dr. Vernon Knight, NIAID; Dr. Jack Masur, CC; and Dr. George Z. Williams, CC.

Morris Leikind Retires From NIMH, Serves 30 Yrs. With Gov't

Morris C. Leikind, technical writer and editor for the National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information, retired Jan. 22 after 30 years with the Federal government.

Mr. Leikind, a native of Minsk, Russia, received his training at Ohio State University, Harvard University, the John Hopkins School of Hygiene, and the Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine.

He was consultant in science and science specialist in biology and medicine at the Library of Congress from 1933 to 1951. Then, until 1959, he was medical historian and archivist for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington.

NIH Experience Noted

He joined the staff of the National Institutes of Health in 1959 and for the past two years has been with the National Institute of Mental Health.

Mr. Leikind has written extensively in the field of the history of biomedical sciences, and for the past 12 years has taught the history of medicine and medical research in the Graduate School of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and at NIH.

Neurotic Parents May Cause Breakdowns in Children, Study Shows

Neurotic parents may be a cause of breakdowns in adolescents, a recent National Institute of Mental Health study indicates.

In a 5-year study of 30 disturbed adolescents and their families it was found that insecure parents feel threatened by the growing independence of their children as the children approach adulthood.

In an unconscious effort to control their offspring, the parents attempt to convince them that they are unreliable, ineffective, helpless and ungrateful.

Thus indoctrinated, the adolescents usually accept this view as true, and become afraid to live independent lives, even though an objective observer can spot the accusations as false.

Role Reversed

In some cases, the investigator found, the child will muster courage enough to strike out on his own, only to find that his parents then turn about and lean so heavily on him that he sometimes collapses.

Family therapy was used to give both the children and their parents more understanding. The therapy seemed to reduce preoccupations on both sides and result in freer and happier relationships.

Most of the 30 disturbed children in the study returned to college or took jobs after therapy.

The study was reported to the Academy of Psychoanalysis in New York City by Dr. Roger Shapiro of the NIMH Adult Psychiatry Branch.

Morris Leikind received the Science Award Of Washington Academy

Dr. Gordon M. Tomkins, Chief of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, was the winner of the 1966 Biological Sciences Award of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

The presentation marked the second consecutive year that an NIAMD scientist has won the award, Dr. Bruce N. Ames of the same laboratory having been last year’s recipient.

Dr. Tomkins was recognized by the Academy for his discovery of a mechanism whereby hormones affect directly the physical structure of enzymes. He was one of eight recipients of numerous science, engineering, and teachers who received awards for noteworthy achievement in their respective fields.

Phedon Introduces Tomkins

The awards were presented Jan. 20 at the Academy’s annual dinner meeting, held in the John Wesley Powell Auditorium at the Cosmos Club. Dr. Tomkins was introduced by Dr. G. Donald Whedon, NIH Director.

Mr. Tomkins and his associates have been investigating the relationship between the structure and the function of an enzyme, glutamic dehydrogenase, which aids in the chemical breakdown of certain compounds.

He has found that changes in the structure of this enzyme can be induced through an interaction with various biologically active molecules, such as steroid hormones or nucleotides.

Structural Change Noted

This structural change in the enzyme is accompanied by a change in the enzyme’s ability to act as a catalyst in a metabolic reaction.

His findings represent the first experimental proof that a hormone is able to affect directly the physical structure of an enzyme and is thus able to control its catalytic action.

Before this, it had been thought that hormones exerted their influence by participating in metabolic reactions through oxidation or reduction.

Dr. Tomkins was able to control its catalytic activity by changing the enzyme’s structure. This change was caused by the action of the hormone on the enzyme’s structure. The hormone, in turn, was able to change the enzyme’s structure and thereby affect its catalytic activity.

Asking a woman her age is like buying a second-hand car. You know the speedometer has been set back, but you’ll never know how far.—The Washington Post.
The "Blizzard of '66"—the worst Washington Area in 44 years—left rapidly with impassable streets and essentials services were not interrupted.

Some of the most heartening stories came from the NIH Clinical Center, where about 400 patients had to be taken care of—and were. Dr. Jack Masur, CC Director, issued a heartfelt "Thank You" to his own staff members and to others who helped. Some of these were NIH employees who responded to snowfall to hit the Metropolitan area to move into the Blood Bank.

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, food service workers, and others worked double and triple shifts. Some employees, who live in the Bethesda Hills and knew that their fellow workers were stranded in outlying areas, reported to work, though they were not scheduled for duty.

Louise Anderson, Chief of the Nursing Department, noted that a number of nurses worked through two shifts (16 hours), slept one shift at the CC worked another shift, slept again, and worked again.

**Staffing Incomplete**

Obviously, staffing was incomplete despite the efforts. Department heads pitched in to help. One of these was Edith Jones, Chief of the Nutrition Department. She worked alongside her staff, preparing patients' trays and serving them. Workers were pulled away from dishwashing machines and assigned to more urgent tasks. Meals were served on paper plates.

Others who forsook their regular duties for other pressing needs were William H. Briner, Assistant Chief of the Pharmacy Department, and Pharmacist John Gimon. Both struggled to work on Sunday and helped in the Central Sterile Supply Service.

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NURSES��予 6.7 million, and international research ($1.89 million).

The request for research grants in Fiscal 1967 increased by $32.2 million, while training and fellowship grants increased by $6 million and $4.7 million, respectively.

Dr. Thomas R. Dawber, Chief of the Framingham (Mass.) Epidemiological Section of the National Heart Institute, retired on Dec. 31.

As a research scientist Dr. Dawber accomplished outstanding work in the field of cardiovascular epidemiology while with the Heart Institute. Earlier, as Chief of Medicine in the Hospital Division, Public Health Service, he organized an accredited teaching and residency program at the PHS Hospital in Bright on, Mass.

Prior to that, during World War II, he served with the U.S. Coast Guard. He began his public service career in 1937 as an intern at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

**Foremost Achievement**

His foremost achievement has been his work in the conception, organization and implementation of the Framingham Heart Disease Epidemiology Program, a long-term study of some 5,000 persons in a single community to determine what habits, bodily functions, illness patterns, hereditary or other factors can be identified as associated with or contributing to coronary and other heart disease.

Since the project was started 16 years ago, sufficient information has been gained to implicate a number of definite "risk factors" such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, overweight, low vital capacity, electrocardiographic abnormalities, cigarette smoking, and a family history of heart disease.

Under Dr. Dawber's direction the study at Framingham has become the model most frequently pointed to in medical research whenever new epidemiologic studies are contemplated.
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were more child-centered, while Italian parental values seemed more adult-centered and emphasized the child's conformity to adult standards.

In spite of important cultural differences between the two countries, striking similarities according to social class were found to exist.

For example, obedience and neatness were more highly valued by the working than by the middle class in both countries, while self-control, dependability, happiness, and consideration were more highly valued by the two middle classes.

The scientists noted that "in both Italy and the United States, middle-class parents are more likely than working-class parents to value characteristics that bespeak the child's self-direction and independence, while working-class parents are more likely than middle-class parents to value conformity to external authority.

Worker Respects Authority
"It seems the lot of the worker that he must accord respect to authority, and teach his children to do so. This is the case with the American worker, and even more so, the Italian worker," they reported.

In an attempt to explain the differences in values between the two classes, the researchers interviewed the Italian fathers about their jobs.

They learned that the closer the father was supervised, the more his job involved the manipulation of things rather than ideas, and the less his job required self-reliance, the more strongly he valued obedience.

The more the father's job called for self-reliance, little or no supervision, and work with ideas rather than things, the more likely he was to prize self-control and self-direction for his child.

Self-employed fathers led all others in their regard for self-control as opposed to obedience.

Self-Control Smiesz
Dr. Pearlin and Dr. Kohn explain that "the greater the sense of power a man feels he has over the conditions of his work, the more he will value self-control over obedience for his children . . .

"One might conclude that fathers are similarly aligned with their children for occupational life to come, training them for the demands of work as the fathers know them.

"On the contrary, we believe that in a more general and profound way, fathers come to value these characteristics as virtues in their own right, not simply as a means to the goal of occupational success."

"The experience one has in life, particularly in his job, deeply affects his views of what is important in behavior," the researchers added. "This day, not mean the man necessarily is satisfied with his job, but rather that the things one must do are what one comes to value in life."

Southwest Center Aims To Explore Genetics At Molecular Level

Exploration of genetics at the molecular level is the aim of the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest in Dallas, Tex., under a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Announcement of the award of $111,734 for the first year of a 7-year project was made recently by Surg. Gen. William H. Stewart of the Public Health Service.

A broad research program in molecular biology, primarily aspects of genetics, that will require the close collaboration of physicists, chemists, and engineers with biologists and physicians is envisioned. The cooperation of the Center allows scientists from various fields to work together on large interdisciplinary projects.

Grant Funds Cited
Grant funds will go mainly toward the development of the Division of Biology within the Center's Laboratory in the Molecular Sciences.

Research will range from studies on viruses and bacteria through production of the gene machinery to human genetics and diseases of metabolism.

Specific projects will deal with the structure and properties of the cell's genetic materials, the nucleic acids, especially the nature of radiation damage and its repair; the regulation of gene activity; proteins and their actions; and mechanisms of genetic recombination in bacteria.

The program will be under the direction of Dr. Carsten Breach and Dr. Royston C. Cloves, each internationally known in the field of molecular genetics.

CC Bloodmobile Visit to Westwood Bldg. Feb. 10 Marks 1st Anniversary

When the Clinical Center Blood Bank's bloodmobile visits the Westwood Building on Thursday, Feb. 10, it will mark the first anniversary of such visits to this largest concentration of off-campus NIH employees. Dr. Paul J. Schmidt, Blood Bank chief, said that during the past 3 visits in 1965, Westwood employees contributed 120 pints of blood.

Blood Used Next Day
National Heart Institute surgeons plan to use the blood collected Thursday for a CC patient's open-heart operation the next day.

In such an operation, the heart is temporarily by-passed, with the blood being pumped through a heart-lung machine. Fresh, whole blood for use in the machine is vital to the operation.

Meanwhile, Westwood employees continue to benefit from the blood bank program, under which they and their families receive blood transfusions without charge so long as NIH donations total 2,000 pints a year.

Baby Has 2 Operations
One staff member who approves of the program is Leonard J. Mihaiko, DRG project planner, whose young son Leonard J. II, had an operation at the age of one week and a second operation 5 weeks later. The boy received a transfusion at Children's Hospital through NIH blood insurance. Now, at the age of one year, he is in "fine health," according to his father.

The bloodmobile will be set up in Conference Room A at the West­wood building, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. Earlier the CC Blood Bank staff is visiting each office in the building to explain the program, answer questions, and make appointments.

All donors will be welcome at the bloodmobile whether or not they have made advance appointments.