

(5) From Dr. WHEATE on
leprosy in Bali.

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Dear Sir,

Dr. SPENCER REED'S account of the Bali Leprosy Campaign (*Leprosy Review*, **34**, 40, January 1963) is of great interest.

He makes one statement, however, which seems to be contrary to experience in Africa: 'The eradication of leprosy bacilli by DDS in a tuberculoid case is undoubtedly too slow, with consequent danger in nerve reactions and other clinical incidents which lead to ultimate deformity'.

Our experience is precisely the reverse, namely that in indeterminate and tuberculoid leprosy, even a single dose of 100 mgm. of DDS may be sufficient to trigger off an acute neuritis. We find that

tuberculoid cases seldom develop neuritis after stabilization on a routine dosage schedule of DDS (by contrast with lepromatous cases which often do, especially when the bacterial index is approaching negativity).

I shall be interested to learn of the evidence on which Dr. REED bases his conclusion.

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