

News and Notes

1981—UNITED NATIONS YEAR FOR DISABLED PERSONS

At its last General Assembly the United Nations proclaimed 1981 as the International Year for Disabled Persons, with the intention during that year of focussing attention throughout the world on the social and economic needs of those who have the misfortune to be disabled. Among the objectives set for that year are (a) to help disabled persons in their adjustment to society; (b) to promote efforts to provide assistance, care, training and guidance, to make suitable work available and ensure social integration; (c) to encourage study and research projects on subjects such as access and transportation; (d) to educate the public regarding the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to the economic, social and political life of their communities. As detailed programmes are to be studied at the 1977 General Assembly, it is to be hoped that the needs of leprosy sufferers will figure prominently in the measures to be considered.

NEW LEPROSY MISSION FILM "THE NET"

"THE NET" is a 16-mm colour sound film which tells how the modern domiciliary approach to leprosy control operates in practice. Located in and around Salur, India, it shows teams of workers in action in the villages, surveying, treating, checking and caring, supported by the central hospital, with its laboratory facilities maintaining a check on progress and its specialist medical and surgical services for patients in special need. This excellent film runs for 25 min and enquiries should be addressed to the nearest Leprosy Mission representative or to 50 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

INTEGRATION IN PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

With the coming of independence, basic leprosy control policy in Papua/New Guinea will be one of integration into the general medical programme. The Government leprosaria, beginning with the large one on Gemo Island, near Port Moresby are being closed, and special wards in general hospitals will look after those in need of extra care. The existing Leprosy Mission programme in the Southern Highlands provided the basis of experience on which future policy is being built. The Mission's 12-bed hospital at Tari will close and become an out-patient clinic, with the local general hospital taking leprosy patients. At Mendi integration has already taken place; Leprosy Mission staff care for leprosy patients in the general hospital, and the Mission's representative, Alex Packett, is the Government Leprosy Officer for the District. Considerable development is planned in the Southern Highlands. Papua/New Guinea is thus setting a pattern for enlightened leprosy care.

“MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS OF DR G. A. HANSEN”

Following the recent review of this book (*Leprosy Review* Vol. 48 No. 1, p. 53), Herr Kober, Senior Executive of the German Leprosy Relief Association has written to say that copies of the book are still available and may be obtained from the Association at the following address: 87 Wurzburg 1/West Germany, Dominikanerplatz 4, Postfach 348.

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Dr Felton Ross has written to say that the Library of American Leprosy Missions, Inc., is short of copies of the following back Issues of *Leprosy Review*:

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