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# NEWS AND VIEWS

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## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY

The Seventh Congress of the International Society of Hematology will be held in Rome at the Palazzo dei Congressi, September 7 to 13, 1958.

The official languages of the Congress will be English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish.

The preliminary program includes: (1) Immunohematology; (2) Hemorrhagic Disorders; (3) Leukemia; (4) Anemia; (5) Nucleonics; (6) The Spleen and Reticulo-Endothelial System.

Further information may be obtained by writing: *Segreteria del VII Congresso Internazionale di Ematologia, Istituto di Patologia Medica, Policlinico Umberto I, Roma (Italia)*.

The Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion will also be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi, September 3 to 6.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On page 486 of the May 1956 issue of "Blood" under News and Views, there appears the following statement by Dr. William Dameshek in connection with "A Hematologic World Tour."

"There are three large hospitals here: The Lady Tata Memorial Hospital, The J. J. Hospital and K. E. M. Hospital. These were all organized by the British, etc."

So far as the K. E. M. Hospital is concerned the remark is not correct, as this hospital has been organized by Indians and manned by Indians from the very beginning. The Bombay Municipal Corporation had passed in 1924 the following resolution in this connection:—

"That the medical staff employed in the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital should consist of properly qualified independent Indian Gentlemen *not in actual Government Service*."

I hope this information will remove the misunderstanding generally prevailing that the credit for everything good in India is due to the British and not to Indian talent and we hope that this information will be duly corrected in the next issue of "Blood."

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(The Editor wrote the following in reply to Dean Sunderdas' letter.)

Many thanks for picking up the inaccuracy in my newsletter regarding the K. E. M. Hospital. I am glad that this hospital was organized by Indians and manned by Indians from the very beginning. I hope I did not leave the impression in my travelogue that the British represented the fountainhead of all knowledge, ability, etc. I know that this is not at all the case. I did find, however, and I suppose this is natural in a country so long under British domination, that the people were often unduly anti-British and often refused to give the British even the small amount of credit to which they were rightly due. I am glad to know that from all accounts India is progressing very well in its own independent way and without British aid. I am sure, however, that all of us need a little help here and there, even we in the United States.

### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY—CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 1958 meeting of the American Society of Hematology will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 26–27, 1958 at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey. A two day Scientific Program will be presented. The first day, Saturday, April 26, will consist of panel discussion on two related topics to be announced at a later date. The second day, Sunday, April 27, will consist of general papers in the hematologic field. An invitation is extended to interested hematologists to submit abstracts for consideration by the Program Committee. All presentations must represent original work that has not been presented elsewhere previously. Abstracts should be forwarded directly to the Chairman of the Program Committee, Dr. William Dameshek, New England Center Hospital, Harrison Avenue and Bennet St., Boston, Massachusetts, Attention, 1958 ASH Meeting.

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