

DIABETIC PHYSICIANS ACCEPTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

The Department of Defense has altered the physical standards for commissioning in the medical, dental and veterinary corps of the armed forces. A new directive signed by Assistant Defense Secretary Anna M. Rosenberg, Chief of Personnel and Manpower, calls for a review of all cases previously found physically disqualified because of "absence of parts, static orthopedic defects, the requirement of maintenance medication, the stasis sequelae of arrested acute and chronic disease processes, defective visual and auditory acuity, and some active processes relatively asymptomatic or of which the symptoms are not essentially disabling. In general, those with stasis impairment and those with chronic progressive or recurrent disease, if asymptomatic or relatively so, are considered to be acceptable for service." It is understood that diabetic physicians could qualify for service. Each case, however, will be considered individually.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE GRANTS

The National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases awarded \$666,893 for 67 research grants and \$77,696 for 22 research fellowships in June, 1952. These sums were approved by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service following recommendations of reviewing consultants.

A record sum of \$14,071,133 for research grants will be considered by the advisory councils of the National Institutes of Health, and the sum of \$1,253,853 covering 121 projects will be reviewed by the advisory council for the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

NEW RESEARCH UNIT AT CANCER INSTITUTE

The National Cancer Institute has established a new branch in research medicine which will be headed by Roy Hertz, M.D., who was formerly in charge of the Endocrinology Unit at NCI.

The establishment of this branch in research medicine and another one in clinical medicine and surgery is one of the many administrative preparations being made before the opening of the 500-bed Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health this spring.

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CONGRESS ON DIABETES AT VALS LES BAINS, FRANCE

Last September 14-18, a Congress on Diabetes was held at Vals les Bains, France, under the presidency of the French Minister of Public Health, M. Ribeyre.

According to the report of the International Diabetes Federation, practically all prominent French diabetes specialists took part in the Meeting and presented able discussions, most of which were devoted to social problems in connection with diabetes. Papers read to the Congress have been published in the *Rapports de la Societe Medicale de Vals les Bains*, Imprimerie Habaurit, 1952.

Plans for a diabetic clinic to be erected in Vals les Bains were shown to the members.

Dr. R. D. Lawrence, President of the I. D. F., was unable to attend, but the Federation was represented by its Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. F. Gerritzen.