

the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs (now the London Chest Hospital), the Walthamstow Hospital, and the Wanstead Children's Hospital, he settled in practice at Tilehurst, near Reading. On the outbreak of the first world war in 1914 he was appointed a civil surgeon at the Reading War Hospital, but in 1917 he entered the R.A.M.C. Transferring to the Royal Air Force in the following year, he served until 1920, later becoming vice-chairman of the Ministry of Pensions medical board at Reading. For his war services he was appointed M.B.E. in the 1919 Birthday Honours. In 1921 he took up an appointment as district surgeon in the Southern Rhodesian Medical Service, returning to England in 1932 to practise at St. Leonards-on-Sea, where he became honorary anaesthetist to the Buchanan Hospital. During the second world war he acted as an assistant in various parts of the country, returning to St. Leonards-on-Sea in 1945.

Dr. ADOLPH SEBBA, formerly senior honorary assistant surgeon and director of the venereal diseases clinics at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, died in the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, on September 29 at the age of 59. Adolph Sebba's career started brilliantly at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, where he took the degree of B.A. in chemistry with first-class honours. He also won the Crole scholarship, a considerable academic achievement. After the first world war he came to England to study medicine at the London Hospital, and qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1925. For the next four years he held appointments at his teaching hospital and at St. Paul's Hospital for Genito-urinary Diseases. He then accepted a resident surgical post at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, an appointment which, in time, led to his joining the honorary surgical staff of the hospital.

Dr. T. J. BURKE writes : Adolph Sebba's untimely death has left medical circles in East Lancashire with a great sense of loss. Sebba—"Seb" to those privileged to know him intimately—never sought the limelight, he preferred to go about his work with a quiet and painstaking efficiency. A delightful companion with a sly sense of humour and a wide knowledge of many subjects, he had one abiding passion—surgery. He was always a keen advocate of the team spirit that should exist between the consultant and general practitioner, and went out of his way to encourage his general-practitioner colleagues to assist him at operations on their own cases outside the hospital. We had all hoped that his retirement to Bournemouth would have allowed him many happy and peaceful years with his beloved books. Alas, it was not to be. Sebba possessed a great artistic flair. He was an accepted authority on rare china, antique silver, period furniture, and fine paintings. His beautiful home was full of rare *objets d'art*, the sale of which in 1954 attracted buyers from all over Lancashire. He had a great love of music, and was a personal friend of Sir John Barbirolli, an association which went back to the time when they were students together in London. I shall always think of him as a gracious and kindly host, a fine surgeon, and, above all, a true friend.

Dr. M. W. SELLARS writes : Adolph Sebba had a unique and remarkable personality. Of an inventive turn of mind, he designed early in his career an examining and operating cystoscope, incorporating what were at that time ingenious innovations. A new posterior urethroscope and a combined urological and operating table were further products of his fertile brain. For many years, despite the increasing demands of his hospital and private surgical practice, he remained an abstracter for the *British Journal of Urology* and of urological literature for the *American Journal of Surgery*. During his latter years in Blackburn his health became indifferent, an arthritic condition of his spine making his work progressively more difficult. Resigning his post at Blackburn in 1948, he retired to Bournemouth, hoping that the more congenial environment would enable him to renew the academic study of surgery. He was well on the way to realizing this ambition, when he was overtaken in the last six months by an incurable illness which he bore with great fortitude and

courage. Mr. Sebba brought to East Lancashire a keen intellect, a thorough urological training, and a scrupulous surgical technique. If constitutionally unable to suffer fools gladly, he was nevertheless unrelenting in the demands he made on his own resources in his efforts to achieve perfection.

Dr. J. A. SELLARS writes : I first met Mr. Sebba 25 years ago. This quiet, apparently easygoing person very soon on closer acquaintance proved to be a most keen critic who had obviously made a deep study of medicine in the widest sense, was gifted with an extraordinary memory, and followed every tenet to its logical conclusion. His work soon placed him well above the average provincial surgeon. When he was at work his patience was unending, and he spared no effort to reach a satisfactory result. We became very close friends and enjoyed many long discussions and arguments ending in the early hours of the morning. Sebba was not a man who tolerated incompetence; he was essentially an individualist, and State control was anathema to him. He met his end bravely.

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## Medico-Legal

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### ALLEGED SMOKE NUISANCE FROM RAILWAY

Four summonses for alleged smoke nuisance by railway engines at the Camden Motive Power Depot, London, were brought against the British Transport Commission at Clerkenwell on October 5.<sup>1</sup> Three summonses were brought on the information of Dr. D. H. Geffen, medical officer of health for St. Pancras, and the fourth on that of Mr. E. Winchester, the council's chief sanitary inspector, under Acts of 1845 and 1862. The magistrate, Mr. F. Powell, said that he understood the complaint was that in A.D. 1955 locomotives using coal or similar fuel emitted smoke. He made the comment that it had taken a long time to find that out. Mr. W. S. Holliday, for the informants, agreed that if a conviction was registered the British public would have to pay the fine. When the magistrate suggested that the summonses be adjourned *sine die*, Mr. Holliday said those instructing him wished him to continue. He said evidence would be given that observers saw engines emitting smoke for 15 minutes, and spoke to a foreman, who saw that the driver diminished the smoke. Mr. A. R. A. Beldam, for the defendants, pointed out that stringent regulations governed smoke emission, and that disciplinary action would be taken if undue smoke was caused, but with 40 or 50 locomotives getting up steam it could not be altogether avoided. The magistrate said some action should be taken "to get round this absurd position where one public authority prosecutes another public authority." If a driver or some other servant of the commission were charged and found responsible, then he and not the British public would pay the fine. The summonses were adjourned until October 20.

<sup>1</sup> *The Times*, October 6, 1955.

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## The Services

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Colonel G. B. Mitchell-Heggs, O.B.E., T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of a T.A. Unit, in succession to Colonel W. McK. H. McCullagh, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., whose tenure has expired.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. Cameron, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Army Emergency Reserve Decoration.

Colonel R. A. Bennett, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen in succession to Major-General W. R. D. Hamilton, C.B., O.B.E., retired.

Major-General T. Young, C.B., O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., retired, has been appointed Colonel Commandant, R.A.M.C., in succession to Major-General K. A. M. Tomory, C.B., O.B.E., resigned.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

## Monday, October 17

- EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University New Buildings, 5 p.m., Eleventh Sharpey-Schafer Memorial Lecture by Professor R. A. McCance, F.R.S.: Chemical Structure of the Body.
- HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., first dinner meeting, 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Mr. A. Dickson Wright: How Patients Have Deceived Me.
- INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. Leonard Kurland (U.S.A.): Aetiological Significance of Epidemiological Research in Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.
- INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—3 p.m., Mr. H. J. Fisher: Post-operative Electrolyte Balance.
- INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. E. Stengel: postgraduate lecture-demonstration.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 p.m., Heath Clark Lecture by Mme. Alva Myrdal (Unesco): Role of Health and Education in the Process of Social Development (with special reference to underdeveloped countries)—Interplay of Factors in the Development Process.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. W. A. Briscoe: Why Do Respiratory Function Tests?
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. C. W. Flemming: Surgery in the Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the Hip—a Review of the Methods; 6.30 p.m., Professor Ian Aird: Blood Groups and Disease.
- ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—At Caxton Hall, S.W., 2.30 p.m., London Sessional Meeting. Discussion to be opened by Sir Hugh Beaver and Dr. J. A. Scott: The Clean Air Bill.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY.—At Physiology Theatre, 5.30 p.m., Professor J. F. Danielli, Ph.D.: Nuclear and Cytoplasmic Sites of Drug Action.

## Tuesday, October 18

- DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 7.30 p.m., Mr. I. G. Robin and Mr. J. C. Ballantyne: Medical Aspects of Hearing and Deafness.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. P. F. Borrie: Vascular Naevi.
- INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Macdonald Critchley: Psychological Aspects of Pain.
- LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—At Bearsted Theatre, 5 p.m., Schorstein Memorial Lecture by Professor L. J. Witts: Anaemia and the Alimentary Tract.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 p.m., Heath Clark Lecture by Mme. Alva Myrdal (Unesco): Role of Health and Education in the Process of Social Development (with special reference to underdeveloped countries)—Role of Education.
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 8.15 p.m., Dr. E. E. Pochin: Speed of the Thyroid.
- ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. H. A. Burt: Management of Minor Joint Complaints.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—3.45 p.m., Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Dr. L. W. Proger: Pneumatoxis.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. J. B. Pennybacker: Pituitary Tumours; 6.30 p.m., Professor W. W. Mushin: Anaesthetic Emergencies.
- ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—5 p.m., Bengué Memorial Award Lecture by Professor G. P. Crowden: Environmental Factors Affecting Comfort, Health, and Working Capacity (illustrated).
- ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. A. C. H. Bell: Management of the 3rd Stage of Labour and Postpartum Haemorrhage.
- SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. Mary J. Wilmers: Allergic Diseases of Children.
- WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. J. Minton: Ocular Manifestations in Clinical Neurology (Part I).

## Wednesday, October 19

- COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.—At Ronkswood Hospital, 3.30 p.m., Mr. J. A. Chalmers: Bleeding at the Menopause.
- EUGENICS SOCIETY.—At Royal Society, Burlington House, W., 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. F. Loutit: Biological Hazards of Nuclear Fission.
- HYPNOTHERAPY GROUP.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8 p.m., Dr. A. G. Davies: Scope and Limitations of Hypnotherapy.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Mesenchymal Tumours of the Corium.
- INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. T. Holmes Sellors: Diaphragmatic Hernia.
- INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. J. G. Sandrey: Urological Emergencies in General Practice.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 p.m., Heath Clark Lecture by Mme. Alva Myrdal (Unesco): Role of Health and Education in the Process of Social Development (with special reference to underdeveloped countries)—Enigma of Health Progress.
- MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Midland Hotel, Sir Ernest Finch: Leonardo da Vinci.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. J. D. N. Nabarro: Diabetes and Carbohydrate Metabolism.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—3.30 p.m., Sir Clement Price Thomas: Conservative Resection of the Bronchial Tree.
- ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRY AND CHILD GUIDANCE.—5.30 p.m., Dr. E. H. Larkin: Major Psychiatric Syndromes.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF EUGENICS, BIOMETRY AND GENETICS.—At Anatomy Theatre, 5.45 p.m., Galton Lecture by Dr. J. V. Neel (Michigan): Genetic Control of Haemoglobin Synthesis.
- WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Physical Medicine, Willesden General Hospital, 8.45 p.m., Mr. T. I. Hughes: Post-hysterectomy Problems.

## Thursday, October 20

- BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—8 p.m., Mr. E. Cotchin: Neoplasia in Domesticated Mammals.
- GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—7.30 p.m., Dr. J. A. Imrie: Forensic Problems.
- ILFORD MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, Golden Jubilee Ball.

- LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., Symposium: Hiatus Hernia. Openers, Mr. F. Ronald Edwards and Professor C. A. Wells.
- LONDON ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—At Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 8.30 p.m., Rev. J. Wilson, Dr. Clara Stewart, and Dr. C. M. Billington: Influence of the Spiritual Factor in Healing.
- LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., clinical meeting.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 p.m., Heath Clark Lecture by Mme. Alva Myrdal (Unesco): Role of Health and Education in the Process of Social Development (with special reference to underdeveloped countries)—Systematic Improvement of Human Resources Through Health and Educational Measures.
- MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Manchester University, 8 p.m., Section of Anaesthetics. Dr. J. McAuley: Two Schools of Thought.
- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction—II. Introduction to Binocular Vision and its Investigation.
- ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Professor R. M. Gordon: Host-Parasite Relationship in Filariasis.
- ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Queen's College, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor R. A. McCance, F.R.S.: Metabolism and Renal Function in the First Two Days of Life.
- ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. D. J. Williams: postgraduate demonstration in neurology.
- WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Fellows' Restaurant, Zoological Gardens, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting, 9 p.m., Presidential Address: Man Alive.

## Friday, October 21

- FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 5 p.m., Radiotherapy Section Meeting. Dr. E. F. Scowen: Indications for the Ablation of Endocrine Activity in the Ovaries, Adrenals, and Anterior Pituitary in the Treatment of Breast Cancer.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. R. T. Brain: Naevi.
- INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. L. Livingstone: clinical demonstration.
- INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., Mr. W. S. McKenzie: Tonsil and Adenoid Problem.
- INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—3 p.m., Professor R. J. Kellar: Placental Dysfunction.
- KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—8 p.m., clinical meeting.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—(1) At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5 p.m., Heath Clark Lecture by Mme. Alva Myrdal (Unesco): Role of Health and Education in the Process of Social Development (with special reference to underdeveloped countries)—Social Action and Social Research. (2) At Anatomy Theatre, University College, 5 p.m., special university lecture in human anatomy and morphology by Dr. R. W. Sperry (California): Some Neural Mechanisms Underlying Perception.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—(1) 2 p.m., Mr. S. M. Cohen: Management of Limb Gangrene; (2) 4 p.m., Professor W. D. M. Paton: Application of Synaptic Pharmacology to Clinical Practice.
- SIGERIST SOCIETY.—At 45, Russell Square, W.C., 7.30 p.m., Dr. B. H. Kirman: Problem of the Backward Child.

## Saturday, October 22

- BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Physiology, Bedford College, Regent's Park, N.W., 2 p.m., scientific papers.
- KENT PAEDIATRIC AND CHILD HEALTH SOCIETY.—At Farnborough Hospital, 3 p.m., Dr. G. Brownlee: Antibiotics.
- WEST MIDLAND PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION.—At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, 11 a.m., autumn meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS

SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—R. H. C. Robins, M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.S., Senior Orthopaedic Registrar to Exeter Clinical Area; A. A. Reid, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar at Moorhaven Hospital, Ivybridge, South Devon; R. H. R. White, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Medical Registrar to St. Martin's Hospital and the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath; R. L. Bishton, M.D., Consultant Pathologist to Bath Clinical Area; P. K. Ganguli, M.B., B.S., D.M.R.D., D.M.R.T., Senior Registrar in Radio-diagnosis to Southmead and Frenchay Hospitals, Bristol; J. H. Hodgson, M.B., B.S., Surgical Registrar to the Bath Group of Hospitals; L. Dawson, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Diseases of the Chest, Bristol Chest Clinic and associated hospitals.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

## BIRTHS

- Fleck.—On September 27, 1955, at Hillingdon Hospital, to Joy, wife of Dr. D. G. Fleck, a daughter—Suzanne Lesley.
- Greenberg.—On September 29, 1955, at Rush Green Hospital, Romford, Essex, to Leila (formerly Gordon), wife of R. C. Greenberg, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., a second son—Roger Keith.
- Kirk.—On September 16, 1955, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, W., to Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Kirk (Dr. Margaret Schafraan), a daughter—Valentine Moya.

## MARRIAGES

- Flynn—Warrick.—On September 24, 1955, at St. John's, Blackheath, London, S.E., Frederick Flynn, M.D., to Ann Warrick, M.B., B.S., D.C.H.
- O'Reilly—Daley.—On October 8, 1955, at Wimbledon, London, S.W., J. N. O'Reilly, M.R.C.P., to Doreen Daley, F.R.C.O.G., daughter of Sir Allen Daley, F.R.C.P., and Lady Daley.

## DEATHS

- Bradshaw.—On September 14, 1955, Gerald Arthur Bradshaw, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S., of 12, Wycombe Gardens, London, N.W.
- Clark.—On September 13, 1955, Alexander Erskine Clark, M.B., Ch.B., of Hawkstone House, Fareham, Hants, aged 73.
- Crawford.—On September 16, 1955, at 37, Royal Avenue, Scarborough, Yorks, David Kenneth Crawford, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., late of Berkhamsted, Herts.
- Davidson.—On September 1, 1955, at Northampton General Hospital, Thomas Reginald Davidson, M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., of Linhope Lynn, Queen's Park Parade, Northampton.
- Wilson.—On August 18, 1955, at 97, Remuera Road, Auckland, New Zealand, Harold William Wilson, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.