

(10) If private patients are seen at the same time as National Health Service patients, are special arrangements made for them?

(11) If you have answered yes to question 10, please specify any special arrangements you have observed.

(12) Are private patients always nursed in single rooms?

(13) Are these rooms kept empty when not occupied by private patients?

(14) Given a choice between nursing private patients and National Health Service patients, do you prefer private patients?

(15) Could you give your reasons for your choice?

(16) What, in your opinion, are the factors which make a patient choose to have private medical treatment?

(17) Please give any other relevant comments.

Assistant Director-General, W.H.O.

Professor T. A. Lambo, vice-chancellor of Ibadan University, has been appointed assistant director-general of the World Health Organization, Geneva, from 1 October. He will be responsible for the divisions of medical education and training, health promotion and health protection, and pharmacology and toxicology. Professor Lambo, who graduated from Birmingham University in 1948, became Ibadan University's first professor of psychiatry and head of the department of psychiatry and neurology in 1963. He became dean of the medical school in 1966 and was appointed vice-chancellor of the university in 1968. For many years Professor Lambo has been chairman of the Scientific Council for Africa and a pioneer of a new approach to mental health problems and the application of mental health principles in Africa.

Approved Hospitals

The General Medical Council has issued a new (sixth) edition of the *List of Approved Hospitals and Recognized House Officer Posts*. Copies may be obtained from the Council at 44 Hallam Street, London W1N 6AE (£1, post free).

Delays in Deciding

The Emergency Bed Service is concerned about the delays it experiences in getting replies from many hospital admission offices, according to its report for the year ended 31 March 1971. An examination of the E.B.S.'s records showed that 12% of applications in June and 11% in December were subjected to a delay of over 15 minutes before they were accepted or refused. This delay, comments the report, must result in many practitioners using the E.B.S. who would normally make their requests direct, for "more than 15 minutes is a long time for a general practitioner to await an answer."

COMING EVENTS

"Learning to Live—the Mentally Handicapped."—Exhibition, 7 September to 15 December, Monday-Friday, 9.30 a.m.-5.30 p.m., King's Fund Hospital Centre, London W1. Admission is free but group visits should be booked and details are obtainable from the exhibition officer, King's Fund Hospital Centre, 24 Nuttford Place, London W1H 6AN. (Tel. 01-262 2641.)

Trust for Education and Research in Therapeutics.—Practical course in "Clinical Trials," 22-24 September, London Hospital Medical College. Fee £7 (including lunches), but a small number of free places will be available for medical undergraduates. Details from Dr. J. G. Domenet, Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Hurdsfield Industrial Estate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 2LY. (Tel. Macclesfield 21933.)

"Significant Symptoms of Disease in Children."—Symposium by the South-east Scotland Faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners, 25-26 September, Edinburgh. Details from Dr. E. R. Seiler, 161 Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH14 1BE.

Eugenics Society.—Eighth annual symposium, "Population and Pollution," 23-24 September, Zoological Society of London. Admission by ticket (free), and applications should be made to the secretary, Eugenics Society, 69 Eccleston Square, London S.W.1. (Tel. 01-834 2091.)

Institute of Medical and Biological Illustration.—Annual Conference, 23-26 September, Keele University, Staffs. Details and application forms are obtainable from the I.M.B.I. Conference Secretary, Department of Medical Illustration, Orthopaedic Hospital, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7NZ.

"Community Care and Psychiatry."—Weekend seminar, 24-26 September, Liverpool University, supported by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board. Fee £10 (non-residents £7). Details from the Group Secretary, Rainhill Hospital, Prescott, Lancs L35 4PQ.

Postgraduate Study Tour to North America.—25 September-15 October, charter flight organized by Bristol Local Medical Committee in association with the Proman Society. Details of the tour, and of membership of the Proman Society which is essential for participation in the tour, are obtainable from the Bristol L.M.C., 11 Westmorland House, Durdham Park, Bristol BS6 6XH.

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CORRECTIONS

The New F.F.R.

In a letter by Dr. F. Pygott (28 August p. 533) we much regret that the first paragraph was incorrectly printed. It should have read:

"SIR,—The Faculty of Radiologists has recently published and circulated to Members and Fellows of the Faculty the revised regulations and syllabus for the Fellowship of the Faculty. It is the clear intention to phase out the value of the present Conjoint diploma (D.M.R.D. and D.M.R.T.) and to replace this by the broader and more intensive requirements of the Fellowship, with its minimum requirement of three, or more usually four, years' study before the trainee can sit for the final examination."

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