

gether in a common cause, will be a power for good during the next fifty years. It is submitted that they ought to be brought together; that the A. Ph. A. is the proper organization to bring them together; that they have, as a more or less separate entity, a proper place within the A. Ph. A.; and finally, it is believed, that the proposal need only be made to commence its realization, and to constitute a nucleus which eventually will attract every man who continues in pharmacy, and who has a right to belong. A great deal more might be said about this proposal recommended by your Committee, but we are sure that it would be expressive only of the thoughts which will naturally occur to every member of the Council. To sum up, your Committee requests your approval of the following:

1st. That it be authorized to extend an invitation to every man who has been, or is in the Service, and who has been connected with pharmacy, to become a member of the

A. Ph. A., offering membership without dues for the first year.

2nd. That it be authorized to propose to the men so becoming members of the A. Ph. A., the creation by them of a separate section, under their immediate control, subject to the general Association supervision of the A. Ph. A., and to be known as The World War Veterans' Section of the A. Ph. A., or by some other suitable name upon which they may decide.

The very early action of Council is earnestly solicited, because if this undertaking is to be carried through, it must be done while the conditions are right, and that means in time to have the organization take place at the next meeting of the A. Ph. A. in New York City.

Respectfully submitted.

THE A. PH. A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR SOLDIER AND SAILOR PHARMACISTS.

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COÖPERATION OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, ETC., IN VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL.

The campaign for the control of venereal diseases in the United States by the Public Health Service makes it necessary for the medical, dental, and pharmaceutical schools, the hospitals, clinics, and the training schools for nurses, to coöperate to the utmost.

How may this be accomplished?

I. By calling a convocation of faculty, staff, and student body, at which:

(A) The dean will preside, state the object of the meeting (*viz.*, to indorse the propaganda undertaken by the U. S. Public Health Service, by direction, and under the authority, of Congress), and to appoint proper committees to put into effect the recommendations made by the chosen speakers, as to changes in curricula, etc.

(B) Selected speakers will deliver addresses on:

1. The sanitary attack upon the venereal diseases.
2. The better teaching of venereal diseases in schools, clinics, and hospitals.
3. The place of venereal diseases in our medical, dental, and pharmaceutical schools, in our hospitals, in our clinics, and in our training schools for nurses.
4. The importance of a proper knowledge of venereal diseases, not only to physicians, but also to dentists, druggists, and nurses, further, to college physical directors.

II. By giving exhibitions to faculty, staff, students, and nurses, of the official Public Health Service educational six-reel photo-drama films:

(A) "Fit to Win" for men, which will be furnished free on application to your State Board of Health, or to this Bureau.

(B) "The End of the Road" for girls and women, which will be furnished free on application to the Boards of Health in the states of Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, and Virginia, or which may be had under pay arrangement from Mr. Isaac Silverman, Room 211, 1493 Broadway, New York City.

III. By arranging meetings to be addressed by:

- (A) The president of the State Board of Health on the activities within the state, either by the state alone, or by the state in coöperation with the Public Health Service; the subjects explained being medical (the establishing of clinics), educational, legislative, social, law, enforcement.
- (B) By the local, municipal, or county health officer, who will detail the local activities on the same subjects.
- (C) By the Public Health Service representative appointed to your state to work in coöperation with your state board of health, who will speak on the same activities, especially the establishment, organization, and general policy of the free clinics for the treatment of venereal diseases.
- (D) By the U. S. Public Health Surgeons in charge of the clinics already established in your state, who will explain about location, staff, equipment, laboratory, treatment, records, etc.

IV. By complete, permanent Exhibits of official literature issued by:

- (A) The U. S. Public Health Service:
 1. Medical: reprints from U. S. Public Health Reports.
 2. Educational: miscellaneous publications issued by the Division of Venereal Diseases.

Public Health Service literature will be furnished free for distribution to faculty, staff, student body, and nurses, on individual application to the Surgeon General, indicating list and quantity desired.

(B) State Boards of Health:

These publications are generally miscellaneous and may be had free on application to the State Board. Some states issue a weekly or monthly bulletin.

The campaign among the medical, dental, pharmaceutical schools, hospitals, and training schools for nurses having been recently launched in Washington, and all the universities, both white and colored, in the District of Columbia having already adopted the program, for your guidance in the plan outlined above there is inclosed herewith the report of the proceedings of the Georgetown University convocation, including the recommendations made by Dean George M. Kober, of the Department of Medicine.

There is also enclosed herewith a list of articles which were published in the various leading dermatological and syphilological journals of the United States within the last two years, upon the subjects mentioned above, to facilitate the short addresses. (This list can be obtained by addressing the Surgeon General.)

A set of official literature consisting of (1) reprints from the "Public Health Reports," (weekly bulletin of the Public Health Service), and (2) miscellaneous publications issued by the Division of Venereal Diseases, is being mailed under separate cover.

In view of the foregoing exposition, what coöperation may the Public Health Service expect from your institution?

Your early reply with any suggestions you wish to make will be awaited with interest.

Respectfully,

RUPERT BLUE, *Surgeon General.*

Part of another communication from the Surgeon General, which reports progress in the work, follows:

When the Chamberlain-Kahn Act created the Division of Venereal Diseases in the United States Public Health Service and the great work of venereal disease control was inaugurated, the plan of procedure formulated was grouped under three headings, as follows:

1. Medical measures.
2. Law-enforcement measures.
3. Educational measures.

The Educational measures include the dissemination of information by leaflets, lectures, exhibits, moving pictures, stereopticon views, and other means, among industrial plants, commercial institutions, clubs, libraries, community centers, schools, churches, the home, and every walk of life.

The Law-Enforcement measures include encouragement of the closing of restricted districts; stimulating enforcement by State and municipal officials of laws and ordinances directed against prostitution in all its phases, the establishment and management of institutions for the rehabilitation of venereally infected persons, and the commitment to institutions of venereally infected feeble-minded persons; urging the adoption and enforcement of laws and ordinances compelling the reporting of the venereal diseases, the prohibiting of quack advertising, and the sale of venereal disease nostrums; and other measures designed to prevent the spread of the venereal diseases.

The Medical measures include the establishing of clinics; securing hospital facilities for venereally infected persons; making available laboratory facilities for the scientific diagnosis of venereal diseases; securing wide distribution of arsphenamine or similar products; obtaining the support of the entire medical profession by the reporting of their cases to the State Board of Health and the treating of venereally infected persons, in accordance with the best modern methods; securing the coöperation of druggists in refusing to dispense venereal nostrums and directing prospective purchasers of such remedies to venereal disease clinics, or reputable physicians; securing the coöperation of dentists and nurses in their respective fields of practice; and enlisting the interest and services of all medical, dental, and pharmaceutical schools, societies, and journals.

Under Medical measures, the campaign was begun with the advertising media of the country. The 20,000 newspapers and magazines carrying advertising were appealed to for coöperation, with the result that up to the present, according to agreement cards received, and clippings made, approximately 140 only, or less than one percent, are still carrying obnoxious advertising. In other words, more than 99 percent of the newspapers and magazines in the United States carrying advertising are coöperating.

The next step in the campaign was directed to the druggists of the country. Out of the 48,500 appealed to, results up to the present, by return agreement card, show the coöperation of approximately 28,000, or nearly 60 percent.

After the druggists, the 131,780 legally recognized physicians in the United States were appealed to, with the result that agreement cards of coöperation have been received, up to the present time, from approximately 60,000, or nearly 50 percent.

The campaign with the dental profession is just being launched; the campaign with the nursing profession and the training schools for nurses is under way.

**NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS SEIZED
BY REVENUE AGENTS IN
ST. LOUIS PHYSICIAN'S
OFFICE.**

United States revenue officers last month entered the office of a St. Louis physician and confiscated prescriptions and records which they say show that he has been writing morphine and cocaine prescriptions. They reported that he wrote prescriptions of this character for seventy-one persons in one day, and that he kept a filing case in which were prescriptions written in advance for certain of his regular patients. Printed affidavits which he requires each patient to sign, setting forth that "medicine" was prescribed in good faith and to be taken according to the doctor's

instructions, also were seized, the officers stated.

**METRIC SYSTEM MAY BE ADOPTED
SOON BY U. S. TO AID WORLD
TRADE OPERATIONS.**

Out of the war experiences, with the support of the United States Bureau of Standards, there is now strong prospect that the metric system will be adopted by the United States for general commercial use in order to facilitate trade operations throughout the world. Members of Congress have been appealed to by strong commercial interests and as soon as imperative legislation is out of the way it is proposed to give earnest consideration to the metric system.