

NEWS ITEMS

CUBA: The "Patronato para la Profilaxis de la Syphilis, Lepra, y Enfermedades Cutaneos," which is a semi-independent organization under the Ministry of Health and Public Welfare, has completely modernized the antileprosy campaign in Cuba. Its present General Director, Dr. Alberto Oteiza Setien, has continued to build on the excellent foundation erected by his predecessor, Dr. Vicente Pardo Castello. A modern leprosarium, San Luis De Jagua, has been built at El Songo, and excellent dispensaries are already functioning at Pinar del Rio, Marianao, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey, Bayamo, Guitanamo, and Santiago de Cuba. The Dispensario Central at Habana has its own laboratories and operates also a dental department.

The latest project of Dr. Oteiza is a well-appointed bus which not only brings patients to the leprosarium, but also serves as a "traveling clinic" in regions not covered by the permanent dispensaries.

With the different measures which have been instituted and further intensification of the activities of the Patronato, there is ground to hope that the spread of the disease will soon be brought under control in that country.