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TO THE EDITOR:

As Dr. Roche will tell you, in reply to your question, the physicians at the Cabo Blanco leprosarium had to discontinue the work with ACTH because of the cost of the drug. Recently Dr. Roche has started a new series of observations, and we should learn more of what can be expected of that drug in

leprosy. I have heard that a few of the patients with iridocyclitis have themselves purchased cortisone, and that the results with it have been as good as in the case treated with ACTH which was reported.

A few words about thiosemicarbazone: It will soon be two years since we began to work with it. Every three months I have examined those patients, which now number 100 as the group was increased to that number during 1950. In general, what we said in our publication [THE JOURNAL 18 (1950) 451-455] can still be maintained. There has been no support for the fears of bad tolerance which had been felt, considering what may happen in tuberculosis. We hope in due time to report the value which this drug may have in the therapy of leprosy.

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