

MAP OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEPROSY IN EUROPE

TO THE EDITOR:

Referring to the review of Part 1 of the World Atlas of Epidemic Diseases which appeared in a recent issue of THE JOURNAL [22 (1954) 257], and especially to your addendum to that review dealing with the section on leprosy of the Atlas, you indicated that separate copies of that part could not be obtained and that the high cost of the whole volume would be an obstacle to its general distribution.

That was true as of the time that note was written. Since then, how-

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<sup>1</sup> See pp. 61-68 of this issue.—EDITOR.

ever, the publishers of the Atlas—Messrs Falk-Verlag, Hamburg—have decided, in view of the great demand for separate copies, to reprint those maps and corresponding texts for which sufficient orders are received. It will, therefore, now be possible to obtain the map of the distribution of leprosy in Europe, together with the text in German and English and the included tables, at the price of \$1.50 per copy for orders of 100 copies or more. Of future issues, as for example the map of the distribution of leprosy in Africa which has now been prepared, separate prints will be available from the start.

There arises the question of some central agency which might assume the responsibility of ordering the necessary quantity of the leprosy map and text for distribution to interested individuals. Possibly the International Leprosy Association might supply its members with copies, or *THE JOURNAL* might supply its subscribers? Any suggestion regarding this matter, or concerning the distribution of the map of leprosy in Africa will be received with thanks.

Incidentally, in your addendum to the review referred to, you mentioned that the map indicates leprosy stations in Hamburg, Stuttgart (which should read Tübingen), and Vienna. They are actually leprosy sections of the local university dermatological clinics which treat and admit persons returning from overseas with leprosy. They are of course only very small leprosaria.

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