

TO THE EDITOR:

I am informed that there is some confusion about the different names that have successively been applied to the headquarters of the national leprosy service of Argentina, which office is now under my direction. The facts are as follows:

In 1947 the then Secretariat of Public Health (now Ministry of Social Welfare and Public Health) created the "Instituto Central de Leprología." Because it was situated in the center of the city, in a rather artistocratic district, it was feared that that name might cause disquietude in the neighborhood. Consequently it was disguised, as can be seen from the sign at the entrance, under the name "Instituto Central de Dermatología." The letterheads, which are still used for reasons of economy, indiscriminately bear either of the two names. Recently, in 1957, the name was again changed, for reasons that need not be gone into, to "Dispensario Central de Dermatología," which is the present official name.

Hence, "Instituto Central de Leprología," "Instituto Central de Dermatología," and "Dispensario Central de Dermatología" are the several and successive names of the same thing. The present "Dis-

pensario" houses; as always, all central activities in connection with leprosy.

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