ON THE LEPROSY CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA

TO THE EDITOR:

The 3rd meeting for 1961 of the Sociedad Argentina de Leprología was held on December 10th, at the Patronato de Leprosos. This communication contains the decision reached by this meeting regarding the recommended subject, "The Leprosy Campaign."

After having heard the opinions of the speakers on the subject of the Leprosy Campaign, the Sociedad Argentina de Leprología (S.A.L.) approves the following statements:

1) The S.A.L. notes with pleasure that the development of the Leprosy Campaign according to the National Scheme continues.

2) The S.A.L. recalls that this scheme was drawn up with the technical advice of the W.H.O. and it is based on the conclusions of the latest seminars and international conventions. For this reason, the S.A.L. considers that all leprologists and physicians in general should offer the necessary collaboration.

4) The work being done in the Province of Chaco can be held as an example of a modern project on the eradication of leprosy. Thus the S.A.L. proposed approbation in honor to their workers.

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Method of obtaining increase of M. Leprae

To the Editor:

Regarding our present work on inoculation of M. leprae, the following is a simple method of obtaining an extraordinarily great growth of the bacilli.

1. White male mice, 21 days old, are given the following prooxidant diet:

Casein	23.8	gm.
Brewer's yeast, dry powder	8.9	gm.
Mineral salt mixture (H.M.W.)	3.0	gm.
Starch	48.9	gm.
Linseed oil	20.0	gm.

The linseed oil is added daily to the rest of the diet. The animals are also given $AgNO_3$, 1 part per 1,000 of distilled water (i.e., 0.1%) as drinking water. Animals are maintained on this diet throughout the experiment.

2. After thirty days on this diet the mice are inoculated into both testes with 0.05 cc. of a suspension of M. *leprae* from a human leproma or from a testis of a mouse previously inoculated and maintained on the prooxidant diet.

3. About six months after inoculation, the testes will be found to contain an extraordinarily great number of bacilli and globi.

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