

REQUEST FOR WORLD LIST OF LEPROSARIA .

TO THE EDITOR:

From time to time, *The Star* receives requests from interested readers, professional persons and laymen alike, for a listing of leprosaria throughout the world. Such a request can not be answered. We do possess a listing compiled by the American Geographical Society of New York in 1952, but have no way of knowing how complete this listing is. Moreover, the past thirteen years have seen many new Hansen's disease centers created and a number of HD hospitals and clinics closed or moved to other locations.

We have contacted every available agency connected with Hansen's disease work, discovering that a complete list of leprosaria does not exist. So we are now determined to compile such a list. In order to accomplish this end we ask supervisors in every HD center in existence to write and tell us of their institution. We ask missionary societies to send us locations of their HD installations. We ask government information agencies to send us what information they have on leprosaria in their countries. We ask anyone who has

any information on HD hospitals or clinics or general hospitals treating Hansen's disease to please inform us of these facts. Included in the information we should like a breakdown of known and estimated cases in each area and the number of patients under treatment.

We seek the help of everyone and anyone connected with Hansen's disease, in any way at all, to please help us in compiling our list.

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