

Banquet

The banquet of the Congress was held on the evening of 20 September 1968 in the Lancaster Room of the Savoy Hotel of London. There was a large gathering of delegates (268) to the Congress and guests (24).

The banquet toasts included: Toast to The Queen, Patron of the Congress, proposed by Dr. R. G. Cochrane, Congress President and President of the International Leprosy Association.

Toast to "Our Guests and Foreign Visitors," proposed by Dr. S. G. Browne, Secretary General of the Ninth International Leprosy Congress, and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association. Sri T. N. Jagadisan, Secretary of the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh of Madras, replied on behalf of guests and visitors.

Toast to the International Leprosy Association proposed by Dr. Chapman H. Binford, Medical Director of the Leonard

Wood Memorial (American Leprosy Foundation). Dr. Binford's remarks included a message from the first President of the ILA, Dr. Victor G. Heiser, which read in substance as follows:

"For the first President of the International Leprosy Association it is a real privilege to have the opportunity to greet the President and assembled members of the Congress nearly 40 years later. During this period great progress has been made in the treatment of leprosy and much of its horror has been removed. Unfortunately the transmission of leprosy is still unfathomable. But the leprosy workers are not discouraged and are pushing resolutely forward. Rays of

light are beginning to penetrate the darkness. The cultivation of the organism of leprosy, I feel sure, will soon be a fully accomplished fact. Biologics and drugs for its prevention are in the offing. But a disturbing specter has appeared. It looks as though the prevalence of leprosy is increasing. Obviously better prevention methods will be needed before this disease is brought under control. My warmest greetings to the officers and members of the International Leprosy Association and assembled guests."

The Guest Speaker of the Banquet was Sir Max Rosenheim, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London. His address follows: