

DR. LE MÉE'S "MISSION" TO TAHITI

To the EDITOR:

Twice in the Leprosy News section of the JOURNAL (vol. 1, no. 4 and vol. 2, no. 1), there have appeared items concerning the supposed official mission of Dr. I. M. le Mée to Tahiti, following which he announced certain opinions as to the transmissibility of leprosy that received considerable attention in the press of the United States and Europe. The fact of the matter is that Dr. le Mée went to Tahiti with only a vague general "mission," the word in this case signifying a recommendation for *un bon accueil* to the authorities, not a technical assignment or office. The Minister of Colonies had given him no mission whatever, and has disapproved his declarations. The Société de Pathologie Exotique has made public a protest, prepared by Marchoux, against his conclusions as to the non-contagiosity of leprosy. These facts should be mentioned in the JOURNAL.

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