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### EDITORIALS

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#### Binford "Over To" Hasselblad

An interest in this JOURNAL, extending back to the time of its founding, has in recent years blossomed into fruition as Dr. Chapman H. Binford in his capacity as medical director of the Leonard Wood Memorial Foundation became directly involved in the financial affairs and publication of the JOURNAL. He worked closely with Dr. Esmond R. Long during the period when the latter so ably served as editor and he was in major measure instrumental in achieving new entity for this publication through its incorporation as an independent unit. Following this move Dr. Binford officially served as the executive director of the JOURNAL and has carried major responsibility for finding the grantors and donors whose support has made possible its continued publication. On his resignation from the post of medical director for the LWM the publication office of the JOURNAL moved with him to new quarters. With the help of Mrs. Helga Meivers he kept up the publication end of the JOURNAL's production during the difficult period of the last two years when the press which had for many years printed this publication first underwent reorganization and then liquidation.

At the Tenth International Leprosy Congress in Bergen Dr. Binford submitted his resignation as financial officer for the JOURNAL and recommended that Dr. Oliver W.

Hasselblad assume this position. The resignation was accepted with a deep feeling of appreciation for the great services Dr. Binford had rendered and his recommendation for a successor was welcomed and accepted by the Board of Directors of the IJL and subsequently approved by the International Leprosy Association.

Dr. Hasselblad, likewise, has a long interest in the fortunes of the IJL beginning essentially at the time that he accepted the position of president of the American Leprosy Missions in 1959. Since then he has been highly sensitive to the needs and aims of the JOURNAL and has annually for the past several years proposed the yearly subvention for JOURNAL support that has been granted by the ALM. Through his good offices the ALM has borne the costs of compilation of a cumulative author and subject index covering the first forty volumes. This cumulative index is now in manuscript form and in volume is the size of an annual volume of the JOURNAL. Its actual publication presents a financial hurdle which has not yet been solved.

With this first issue of 1974, volume 42, Dr. Hasselblad assumes responsibility as executive director responsible for JOURNAL finances. The fiscal office moves from Washington, D.C., to New York City and the functions of the publication office join the edi-

torial office in Honolulu, Hawaii. Though the facilities of the American Leprosy Missions will be utilized to help find support for this JOURNAL, the IJL does not become a part of the American Leprosy Missions but retains its entity as an independently incorporated venture and continues as the house organ of the International Leprosy Association.

All matters pertaining to subscriptions, payment of subscriptions and other financial matters pertaining to the JOURNAL should be referred to Dr. Oliver W. Hasselblad, International Journal of Leprosy, P.O. Box "G" Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10010, U.S.A. Membership dues for the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEPROSY, which

will of course continue to cover the subscription costs for the membership may be sent to this address or may, as in the past, be sent to Dr. Stanley Browne, Secretary-Treasurer, International Leprosy Association, 16 Bridgefield Road, Sutton, Surrey, England.

This JOURNAL expresses its profound appreciation for the guidance and support so generously and devotedly rendered by Dr. Binford. At the same time it welcomes the deepened association with Dr. Hasselblad and is firmly assured that he will pursue the interests of the JOURNAL with the same enthusiasm and imagination that he has presented to the many other services that he has rendered in the cause of leprosy work around the world.—OLAF K. SKINSNES

### This JOURNAL: The Past Five Years

The INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEPROSY, house organ of the International Leprosy Association, began publication with the January-March issue of 1933. At that time it was largely under the aegis of the Leonard Wood Memorial, a position maintained till the JOURNAL was independently incorporated. Initially its budget was U.S. \$5,000 per year, but by the time of its incorporation the budget had risen to about \$34,000, and by the end of the 1973 publication year the total cost of its 41 years of publication approximated \$600,000. That, of course, is not the actual total cost for initially the LWM, and later also others, have housed its production facilities without charge and the JOURNAL, under these conditions, has enjoyed many ancillary benefits for which there is no way to estimate costs.

As the result of these efforts the JOURNAL series today stands as perhaps the most extensive single broad compilation of leprosy lore, containing as it does in addition to published original manuscripts, a broad sampling and reflection of other leprosy publications through its regular section on abstracts from current literature. Its occasional reprinted articles have made available historically and scientifically significant publications which otherwise would be difficult of access. The section on "News and Notes" is often historically rewarding and of current interest, though THE STAR published by the patients at Carville should be consulted by those interested in this area. It should also

be noted, out of genuine respect, that other publications, begun at about the same time as this one, notably LEPROSY REVIEW, LA LEPRO (Japan), LEPROSY IN INDIA, LEPROLOGIA (Argentina), and REVISTA BRAS. LEPROL., also present great concentrated scientific and historical repositories of information on this disease.

Dr. H. Windsor Wade carried the editorship of this JOURNAL from his base in the Philippines for 30 of these years, and it is self-evident that his labors were monumental. During much of this period world communication was by ship and even after airmail was introduced there were difficulties exemplified by the occasion when an airplane crash resulted in loss of the material for a whole issue. In the light of some of the publication experiences of the past five years, we read with sympathy and wry amusement Dr. Wade's regular reports to International Leprosy Congresses of his period on why it had not been possible to get the JOURNAL into an "on time" schedule.

Dr. Esmond R. Long presided as editor during a golden period of this JOURNAL's history. His residence was close to both the publication office in Washington, D.C. and the printers in Baltimore. The printers had had a long association with the JOURNAL and had staff experienced in its production, and the publication office was in a strong position to play its role. It had in its possession the regularly arriving exchange journals from which many abstracts were culled and