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EDITORIALS

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Postal Regulations and the Mailing of This JOURNAL

In practice the fourth issue of this JOURNAL for any given year has been mailed in the early part of the following year avoiding the holiday rush. Thus issue Number 4 for 1977 was mailed in early 1978.

New and stricter postal regulations relating to second class mailing privileges limit our mailings to four per year and now require that these four mailings be for the four numbered issues of the same volume.

In 1978 we have mailed out Volume 45, Number 4, and Volume 46, Numbers 1 and 2, thus leaving us with one available mailing and necessitating the combining of Volume 46, Numbers 3 and 4 under one cover. This

will satisfy the Postal Service, and put the JOURNAL in position to follow through with the regular four mailings for 1979.

For these reasons and also because the XI International Congress meets late in 1979 and has not had opportunity to express itself regarding the publication of its proceedings, it is evident that there is no way that these proceedings can be included in the fourth JOURNAL issue of a Congress year as has been customary.

If the Congress, as in the past, indicates that this JOURNAL shall publish its proceedings then these will appear as soon as possible in 1979.

—EDITOR

IJL Editorial Content, 1933-1978

These editorial pages have carried items of varied interest and quality throughout the history of the JOURNAL. There is a thread of thought that reflects the developing concepts of leprosy. Another presents historical summaries or data and yet another summarizes various operating or "housekeeping" details related to the JOURNAL and the International Leprosy Association.

Issued under varying titles, these efforts are not easily found in the Cumulative Index of this JOURNAL, and are unknown to new and often easily forgotten by veteran subscribers. A chronological listing of these essays is therefore presented to facilitate access to them and to provide an overview of the total endeavor for any review that might arise relating to the format and function of this JOURNAL.

—OLAF K. SKINSNES