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In addition to the meetings of the Medical Advisory Committees, conferences have been sponsored under their auspices on peripheral nerve injuries, penicillin prophylaxis of venereal diseases, streptomycin therapy of tuberculosis, and recent advances in aviation medicine.

An active interest has also been taken in the promotion of research within the Federal Medical Departments. In cooperation with the Committee on Veterans' Medical Problems, proposals have been made for clinical studies of conditions which arose during the war, including extensive studies in medicine, surgery, and neuropsychiatry. Among the studies currently under consideration are: a follow-up study of peripheral nerve injuries, investigation of the late results following repair of arterial aneurysms and arteriovenous fistulae, liver function in veterans following hepatitis and other conditions. The committees also serve in an advisory capacity in connection with research proposals originating in the Army, Navy, and Veterans Administration. They thus exercise an important influence upon federally-sponsored research in medicine and allied fields.

The Chemotherapy Center for Tropical Diseases is continuing its work, though on a reduced scale, since demands for drugs required for the cure and prevention of various tropical infections are no longer urgent. Under the direction of the Center, pharmacologic and toxicologic tests have been carried out on a variety of drugs that may be effective in the treatment of amebiasis, leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis, and other infections.

As the newly-constituted Medical Advisory Committees near the end of their first year of activity, it may be said that their work may prove equally far-reaching, if less dramatic, than that of their wartime counterparts. Certainly, the knowledge and experience of the civilian physicians on the committees, as it is brought to bear on the medical problems of the Army, Navy, and Veterans Administration, will go a long way toward the maintenance of high professional standards in the Federal medical services. The work of the committees will also have an important bearing upon the Nation's medical preparedness.

An international journal, *Spectrochimica Acta*, the publication of which was begun in 1939 by Julius Springer, Berlin, and interrupted shortly afterward by the war, has been re-established as an international organ for spectroscopists and spectrochemists, and is being published in the Vatican under the editorship of Alois Gatterer, assisted by a group of co-workers from other countries, as follows: R. Breckpot (Belgium), H. Kaiser (Germany), E. Van Someren (England), and Lester W. Strock (United States). The first number (No. 1, Vol. 3) is now ready for press, and it is expected that 6–8 numbers a year will be issued. The official languages of the journal are English, French, and German; papers will also be accepted in both Italian and Spanish. Papers in English from this country should be submitted to Lester W. Strock, 21 Madison Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York.

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The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research plans to consolidate all phases of its program on its York Avenue site in New York City. The integration in New York of the Department of Animal and Plant Pathology with the Departments of the Laboratories and the Hospital has recently been approved. Most of the activities at the Institute at Princeton will be transferred to the New York plant with the belief that they will be greatly strengthened by making possible a day-to-day exchange of ideas between the members of the entire scientific staff. It is hoped that this integration may be accomplished by July 1, 1951.

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