

## NEWS

### New Scientific Term in Jamaica

The term "Hansen's disease" is now official in the Ministry of Health of Jamaica and in its "Hansen's Disease Control Unit". The "Hansen Home" is

to be replaced by a "Dermatology Unit" (*vide* Dr. O. W. Hasselblad's letter in "Correspondence").

### Fight Against Leprostigma in Italy

Father Umberto Guidotti, presently serving in the Hospital of Manaus (State of Amazonas, Brazil) became a most enthusiastic fighter against leprostigma. From the Hospital in Manaus he managed to start a destigmatizing campaign in his homeland, with the help of his many friends and parishioners, especially in the areas of Pistoia and Firenze. On his latest trip to Italy, Father Guidotti personally reinforced the campaign by writing to several newspapers and giving many

lectures, upon invitation, about the leprostigma caused by the word "leprosy", in hospitals, universities, parishes, cultural centers, youth clubs and on TV. 20.000 copies of an article he wrote about "lebbra", "lebbrosi" and leprostigma were distributed. The movement is growing impressively and "Hansenologia Internationalis" has received 5.664 letters from Italy supporting this magazine's destigmatizing policies. Some of the letters are published in "Correspondence".

### Destigmatization in Rumania

Leprostigma will soon be under heavy fire in Rumania, fed by lectures and papers in medical and non-medical journals of that country. The initiative

was taken by Prof. Emil Toma, of the Infectious & Tropical Diseases Clinic of the "V. Babes Hospital", in Bucharest (*vide* "Correspondence").

### First Congress of the College of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries and III Brazilian Congress of Hansenology

The First Congress of the College of Hansenology of the Endemic Countries and the Third Brazilian Congress of

Hansenology will be held jointly in Rio de Janeiro, from 12 to 15 of November 1980.



FIGURE 1 The municipality of Buenos Aires advertises the IV "Reunión Leprológica (I-Iansenológica) del Cono Sud" in many parks and avenues of the city.

Dr. J.C. Gatti, the President of this meeting, writes: "The fight has borne fruit! Buenos Aires has met the word."

Vide "Noticias" in Spanish, for the program.

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Congress of Hansenology: W. BELDA. Vice-President: C. BERNARDI. Secretary and Treasurer of both Congresses: A. C. PEREIRA JÚNIOR and LENINHA V. do NASCIMENTO.