

EDITORIAL

TURKISH SYMPOSIUM ON PEDIATRIC EDUCATION

On September 3, 1961, a number of leading teachers of pediatrics from Middle Eastern and Mediterranean countries will assemble in Ankara to study and discuss the status of both undergraduate and postgraduate pediatric education in this area. Representatives of countries outside the area, including Portugal, England and the United States, will also take part in the meeting and their views on the subject under consideration will be of great benefit to the regional members of the symposium.

This symposium is the product of a joint effort by the Unitarian Service Committee in New York and the Research Institute of Child Health in Ankara. Dr. Samuel Z. Levine of New York will head the American team which will include eminent American teachers of pediatrics such as Dr. Robert Alway, Dr. Robert Aldrich and Dr. Charles Janeway.

Immediately after the symposium, the Second Middle Eastern-Mediterranean Pediatric Congress will commence, thus participants in the symposium will be able to attend the regional pediatric meeting as well as the symposium.

The Research Institute of Child Health and the Hacettepe Children's Hospital together function as a center of pediatric training for undergraduate medical students and for doctors who intend to specialize in any aspect of pediatrics, whether medical or surgical or one of the subspecialties. The inspection and critical study of our teaching methods and facilities by the leaders in pediatrics who will attend the symposium, will be of immense value for us and should lead to the introduction of improvements and the dissemination of new ideas. We are indeed fortunate that this symposium is to be held in Ankara, and proud to have it take place in our Institute and Hospital.

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