

this wider circle and includes the main developments of the past decade. There are new chapters on the serological tests for syphilis, yaws, and the other non-venereal treponematoses, and the precautions required in the use of penicillin. Epidemiological, ethical, and social considerations are not neglected. The teaching is clear, orthodox, necessarily dogmatic, and up to date, but polyarthritis and keratoderma blennorrhagica are included as complications of both gonorrhoea and abacterial urethritis, a view likely to confuse the student and unlikely, in 1961, to be supported by all venereologists. The illustrations and format are of high quality and there is a good index. This inexpensive manual will prove valuable to nurses, midwives, health visitors, and medical students,

and to the non-specialist graduate at home and overseas.  
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**Study on Traffic in Persons and Prostitution.** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York, 1959. Pp. 57. United Nations Document ST/SOA/SD/8. (3s. 6d.; \$0.50; *Swiss frs* 2).

This U.N. Report discusses the problems of prostitution and favours the "abolitionist" policy. It recommends a programme for the prevention of prostitution, for rehabilitation of prostitutes, and for the repression of traffic in persons involved with prostitution. It includes a section on the prevention of V.D. in this special context.  
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## XII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY

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The XII International Congress of Dermatology will be held in Washington, D.C., during the period September 9–15, 1962. The scientific sessions, the opening ceremonies, and most of the social activities will be held either at the Park Sheraton or the Shoreham Hotel. Extensive plans for this meeting are in progress. A preliminary information booklet will be mailed to all members of the International League of Dermatological Societies approximately one year before the meeting. Dr. Donald M. Pills-

bury of Philadelphia is President of the Congress, and Dr. Clarence S. Livingood of Detroit is the Secretary-General.

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