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"FOREIGN MARKETS FOR MEDICINALS IN CHINA"

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1. PRODUCTION (Page 2): Information now to hand indicates that production of Ephedrine by the Peking Union Medical College at Peking was discontinued in 1932. The small quantities produced in its pharmacological department in former years was sufficient only for local consumption.

III. DISTRIBUTION PROMOTION (f) (Prevalent Diseases. Page 45):

Data received subsequent to basic report #S-91 discloses the results of the second conference of its League of Nations Epidemic Prevention Commission experts, held in Changsha, Hunan Province, on April 20th and 21st. This conference was attended by many Chinese health administrators in addition to Dr. H. Mooser (Swiss), Dr. R. C. Robertson (British), and General A. Lasnet (French), the three League members who came to China in January to collaborate with the Chinese health authorities in controlling and combatting epidemics. The commissioners working with thirteen health experts are divided into three units operating respectively in the northwestern, central and southern parts of China. Among the Chinese medical men attending the Changsha conference were, Dr. F. C. Yen, Director of the National Health Administration; Dr. Robert K. S. Lim, Vice-director of the Army Medical Service; Dr. Edgar Tsen, Director of the Chinese National Epidemic Prevention Bureau; the provincial health commissioners of Kiangsi and Hunan, and many other Chinese medical and health men.

The Chinese Government, realizing that the Geneva commission constitutes a valuable working nucleus has authorized the creation of 100 anti-epidemic units, each to be composed of one doctor and two nurses, for work in rural areas. Three isolation hospitals of 200 beds each are also to be established. The

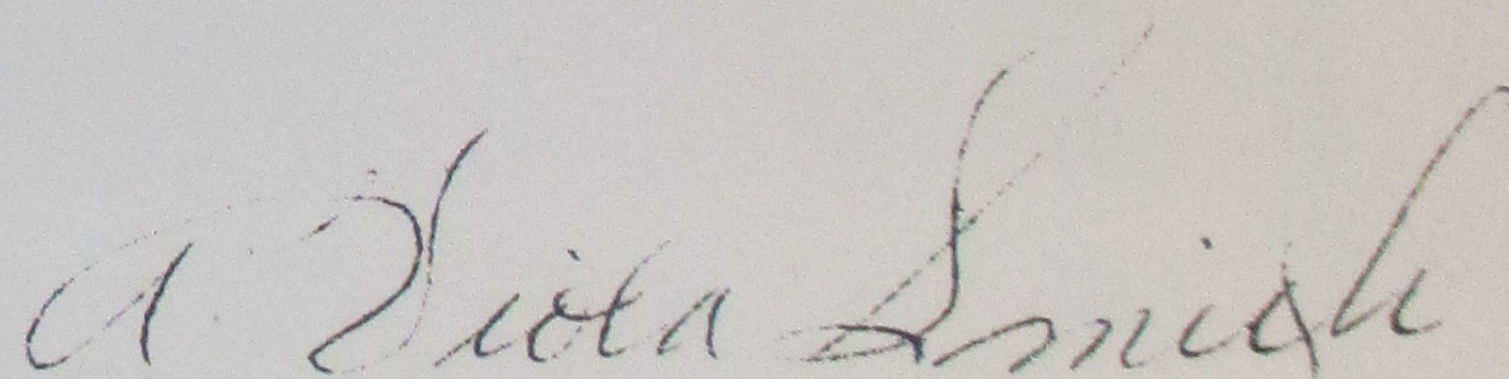
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Government has appropriated Yuan 5,420,000 for initial and operating expenses. Members of the new anti-epidemic units, after a month's intensive training under the League experts will be despatched to various areas to cope with any epidemic emergencies which may arise.

The League of Nations plans to place at the disposal of the Commission in China another 200,000 Swiss Francs in addition to the original budget of 1,500,000 Swiss Francs for its project of medical collaboration in China.

The Conference decided that epidemics must be combatted in a uniform way through the country, and it was agreed that the closest cooperation possible should be maintained between the League experts and the Chinese military and non-military health organs in the coming months when epidemics of various kinds are expected to break out, or to assume more serious proportions in the case of those diseases already in existence. The Chinese Government, through its national health director, has submitted a formal request to Geneva, asking that the activities of the League Epidemic Prevention Commission be prolonged for another year after the expiration of their originally planned stay in China at the end of December, 1938.



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