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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

Your Ninth Annual Meeting is at hand. The last minute preparations are being made and enthusiasm is running high.

Dr. Eisenhardt will be giving the post-graduate course in Neuropathology on October 28th. Kodachrome slides on representative sections will be available to the membership and can be purchased at the meeting.

#### MORE ABOUT DOCTOR GERMAN

Our distinguished guest speaker was born at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on October 28, 1899. At the age of 14 he moved to California and lived near Hollywood. He received his A.B. degree at the University of California at Berkeley in 1922. An M. A. degree from the University of California was awarded him in 1923. Dr. German was graduated from Harvard with a medical degree Magna Cum Laude in 1926. In 1948 Yale awarded him an honorary M. A. Degree. While in medical school he belonged to the A.K.K. fraternity and recently he was made an honorary member of the Yale Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha.

Dr. German served his surgical internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital from 1926 to 1927 and the following year was a fellow in surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He came to the New Haven Hospital as an assistant resident and resident in neurosurgery and surgery from 1928 to 1931. In 1933 Dr. German was appointed Chief of Neurosurgery at the New Haven Hospital. Dr. German became Professor at Yale in 1948, a position that he still holds.

#### CONDEMN THE WORD "WHIPLASH"

Dr. George C. Manning, Jr., was the Congress' representative on the panel of Disability Evaluation at the September 14 meeting of the International College of Surgeons. This recognition is a credit to Dr. Manning, his committee, and the Congress. Dr. Manning has two thoughts which he



presented, and I cannot begin to cover these thoughts in detail other than to pass on to you his feelings in brief: 1. The word, whiplash, should cease to be a part of our vocabulary. In its stead Dr. Manning would prefer that we use "flexion-extension sprain of the neck". 2. "Disability bears no specific relationship to any specific injury" and, therefore, a physician is foolhardy in trying to give any percentage disability on the basis of a specific injury. Dr. Manning feels that disability is a "personality reaction, and it is because disability is the result of being injured, rather than result of an injury".

I think Dr. Manning has some ideas which merit rather careful digestion by the membership.

#### THE SURVEY COMMITTEE

The Survey Committee under the guidance of the chairman, Dr. John R. Russell, is in the process of preparing the 1959 edition of the Directory of Neurological Surgeons in the United States. This will be distributed to all neurosurgeons in the country in October. As a result of the questionnaire sent out recently, the Committee has a list of names of over 50 neurosurgeons who want new partners or associates. These names will be sent to approximately 60 men who have stated they are looking for new positions.

The World Directory Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies has been collecting the names and addresses of the neurosurgeons of the world exclusive of the United States. This list now contains about 900 names and will probably reach 1,000.

Dr. John R. Russell and his committee is to be congratulated and the Congress is justly proud of what they are doing.

#### OUR IN-TRAINING BRETHERN

Dr. Roy Tyrer, Jr., Chairman of the Host Committee, has sent out invitations to the neurosurgical residents of all the approved neurosurgical training centers in the United States plus the Montreal Neurological Institute, the National Institute for Nervous Diseases and Blindness, and the University of Toronto. These budding neurosurgeons have not only been invited to the meeting, but have also been promised free room accommodations.

A sterling idea for a golden group.

#### POST CONVENTION TOUR

Bernie Shuer is doing his usual good job of developing the post-convention tour and its scientific section. Recent communique reveals that



he has lined up several interesting topics and speakers. Dr. John Basile will discuss lumbar and sacral extradural cysts. Dr. Averill Stowell will discuss the problems of scalenus anticus syndrome, cerebral cortical atrophy, and the treatment of phantom limb by cervical cordotomy. Dr. Bahij Salibi will present a study of postural vertigo treated by cervical sympathectomy. Dr. Shuer wants everyone to know that these papers will be presented in the informal style suitable to the tropics and especially Nassau. He urges everyone to attend the post-convention tour as well as present an informal paper in this setting.

## NASSAU

The Bahamas are a group of islands, one of which, New Providence, has as its capital city, Nassau. This is the city which will claim your interest on the post-convention trip.

The Bahamas were first settled in the 17th century. Bluebeard, the pirate, used Nassau as the base from which he raided the Caribbean area. During the American Revolutionary War the American Navy used Nassau as a base and during the Civil War the Confederates used Nassau likewise.

Cool trade winds during the summer months keep temperatures in the 80s. The surrounding waters have a temperature above 70 degrees.

Regulations: At the request of the government ladies do not wear short shorts and other abbreviated attire on the street. Knee length shorts and skirts are the usual styles for street wear. Clothes similar to those worn in Florida are quite adequate.

The postal rates are seven cents for 1/2 oz. letters and 5 cents for postcards. The British pound is worth approximately \$2.80. One Shilling is approximately 14 cents. Four shillings are worth about 56 cents and 10 shillings, \$1.40. Five British pounds are equal to approximately \$14.00

The fishing in the area of Nassau is excellent. The charter boat rates are \$40.00 a half day and \$60.00 or \$75.00 a full day. Island cruises can be had for four people at the rate of approximately \$30.00 per day per person.

If you should desire to rent a car and drive about the island, remember to drive on the left side of the road. At the hotels you can rent English sports cars or you can call Saunders Rentals & Sales on Bay Street

Bay Street is the main Street in Nassau and practically the only street on which to shop. You might find that certain shops sell other than what you



would expect them to. For instance, you buy dishes in a hardware store; jewelry is usually sold in a drug store; candy and confections from England and the continent are readily available; straw work is obtained at the open air market. In the jewelry stores you get silver and native things. China - English, Wedgewood, et cetera, are readily available. Perfumes, cashmere sweaters, liquors, et cetera are obtained quite reasonably.

There are certain attractions that are well worth seeing in Nassau, the main ones being the Water Tower, which is the highest point on the island and from which you can get an excellent view of the city; the Public Market and the open air straw market is a must; Rawson Square, which contains the Parliament and Supreme Court buildings should be seen. There are glass bottomed boats to view the surrounding underwater ectasies. Old forts such as Fort Charlotte and Fort Montague, are well worth your time.

Perhaps the best food available is that in the big hotels. Certain dishes such as conch salad, chowder, turtle pie, et cetera may delight you. As far as the night life goes, be sure and visit the native quarter to see the appropriate colorful offerings.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

Houston has been selected to be host city for our meeting in 1962. The 1960 meeting, of course, will be held in Chicago at the Palmer House, October 26th through 29th.

#### NEW CONGRESSMEN

To date, 55 applications for membership in the Congress have been processed by the Membership Committee, passed upon by the Executive Committee, and accepted as members. These new members are welcomed by all of us and we are expecting all of them to continue to work for the best interest and promotion of our ideals.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S BLACK BOOK

Dr. Glenn Cross prior to the meeting in San Francisco compiled a very useful and helpful directory, "San Francisco - Baghdad by the Bay", which was published in the April 1958 Newsletter. These comments and suggestions on what to do, where to go, what to eat, et cetera, appealed to the majority of the membership and the officers of the Congress expressed a desire to have such a list prepared prior to the Miami Beach meeting in October of '59. The following is yours truly's humble offering. Since you are staying in one section of the area with little idea of distances, an attempt has been made to give approximate locations of these different places as well as the approximate time it would take you to get there by a suitable mode of transportation other than walking. If any errors have been made in any of the comments below listed, your editor will also bear that responsibility.

### SIGHTSEEING:

Ancient Spanish Monastery - brought stone by stone from Spain ... 800 years old. ... 15 min. from hotel.

Blimp Rides ... a MUST ... see area from air in 20 min. ... on MacArthur Causeway ... 25 min. from hotel.

Boat Cruise ... see Miami Beach from water ... 2-1/2 hrs. long ... leaves from Haulover Docks ... 3 min. from hotel.

Coral Castle ... carved stone creations - 9 ton rock gate turned by finger touch ... created single-handed by one man ... 25 miles south of Miami.

Hialeah Race Track ... not open but worth seeing purely for grounds and beauty - Hialeah ... 45 min. from hotel ... Flamingos.

### SIGHTSEEING (cont'd.):

Fairchild Tropical Garden ... super botanical ... 10901 Old Cutler Rd. ... 1 hr. from hotel

Monkey Jungle - where humans are caged and monkeys run wild ... 22 miles south of city on U.S. #1.

Musa Isle - Seminole Indian Village ... alligator wrestling ... 40 min. from hotel ... spend 1 hr.

Parrot Jungle - where birds fly free ... 10 miles south of Miami U.S. #1.

Seaquarium - a MUST ... on Rickenbacker Causeway ... 40 mins. from hotel ... takes 2 hours to see.

Serpentarium - only venom lab in world ... 12 miles south of Miami on U.S. #1 ... takes 1 hr. to see.

Villa Vizcaya - John Deering Mansion ... art museum ... near the Rickenbacker Causeway.

### SHOPPING:

Department Stores:

Burdines ... downtown Miami and branch on Meridian Ave. on the Beach ... about everything ... average prices.



Jordan Marsh - Miami end of Venetian Causeway...good merchandise  
...slightly above average cost.

Lincoln Road ...Miami Beach's proud 5th Avenue...prices too high  
for value received but everything available ..worth window shopping.

Surfside ...shopping within 2 mins. from hotel ...too high priced.

Downtown Miami...ain't no different than where you came from.

#### DINING:

##### CHARCOAL SPECIALTIES:

Chandler's Fan & Bill's - good...moderate in cost...21st & Collins  
10 min. from hotel.

Embers - the BEST ...cooked on hickory...moderately expensive...  
22nd and Collins Avenue.

#### DINING (Cont'd.):

Old Forge - good...moderately expensive...443 Arthur Godfrey Rd.  
...7 min. from hotel.

Leonard's La Pena - good steak...reasonable...too far to go -- 1 hr.  
from hotel ...across from Tropical Race Track.

Nick & Arthur's Restaurant - good...10 min. away - 79th St. Causeway.

Jamaica Inn - atmosphere and good food...moderate to expensive...  
Key Biscayne...45 min. from hotel.

##### CHINESE:

Lin Fong - good...7321 Collins Ave.... 5 min. from hotel.

Foo Manchu - good...325 - 71st Street on Beach...5 min. from hotel.

Luau - a MUST - Poly nesian atmosphere...excellent Cantonese and  
Polynesian food...moderate...10 min. away - 79th St. Causeway.

##### FRENCH:

Le Parisien...Ok - moderate...474 Arthur Godfrey Road ...10 min.  
from hotel.

##### ITALIAN:

Grotto - good ...inexpensive...8 min. from hotel - 6970 Collins Ave.

De Tardo's - good...moderate - 1211-71st Street, Miami Beach -  
10 min. from hotel.

Valenti's - the best...expensive...1306 N.W. 7th Ave., Miami ...  
30 min. from hotel.

##### GERMAN:

Hofbrau Haus - the best...entertainment...moderate ...20 min.  
from hotel - across from Gulfstream Race Track.

Old Heidelberg - good...entertainment - 25 min. from hotel...near Hollywood Dog Track.

The Garden - excellent...inexpensive...30 min. from hotel...  
2235 S. W. 8th Street Miami.

DINING (cont'd.):

JEWISH:

Pumpernik's - tops ...7 min. from hotel...6700 Collins ..moderate.

Wolfie's - good...2038 Collins Ave...15 min. from hotel.

Rascal House - fair...17190 Collins Ave. ... 5 min. from hotel.

ROAST BEEF:

Diplomat Hotel - the best...expensive...15 min. from hotel...should be seen.

Dixie Belle Inn - good...too far to go - 12175 S. Federal Highway...  
1 hr. from hotel.

SEA FOOD:

Joe's Stone Crab - a MUST ...eat the finest in crab...moderate...  
15 min. from hotel - South Beach.

Lighthouse - good...3 min. from hotel - expensive...Baker's Haulover.

New England Raw Bar - the best...reasonable...12727 Biscayne Blvd.  
10 min. from hotel over Broad Causeway.

Mike Gordon's - good...1201 N. E. 79th Street...20 min. from hotel.

SPANISH & MEXICAN:

Don Julio's - good...mucho atmosphere...30 min. from hotel...  
136 N. E. 20th Street.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tony Sweet's - considerably overprised...good - 2 min. away at  
9561 E. Bay Harbor Drive.

King Arthur's Court - atmosphere and expensive...30 min. from  
hotel...Miami Springs.

SWEDISH:

Gourmet - wonderful...reasonable...Hollywood...20 min. from hotel.

Old Scandia - fair...moderate...Opa-locka...30 min. from hotel.

HOTEL SHOWS:

Biltmore Terrace - Cuban Revue...very good...close by.

Carillon Hotel - French revue...OK...close.

Eden Roc - high class entertainment and price...close.

Fontainebleau - good...expensive...close.



TOP VIEWS OF AREA:

Top of Columbus - dine and drink on 16th floor...in town...30 min. from hotel.

DuPont Plaza - cocktail lounge in sky...Miami ...30 min. from hotel.

Saxony Hotel - Ivory Tower...ride in glass elevator shaft...most unusual...dance in bare feet.

**GIRLIE SHOWS:** (these places are numerous all over the city and pretty much follow same pattern; although unlawful, the B-girl business flourishes and clipping is par for the course; however, since you are going anyway try -

Place Pigalle ..fairly nice...close - 215 - 22nd Street, M. B.

Life Bar ...fair ... 15 min. away ...134 - 5th Street.

Five o'clock Club ...good...close...2002 Collins Avenue.

Jungle Club - surroundings fit name...3690 N. W. 36th St. - 30 min. away.

Red Barn - Low brow...30 min. away ...7805 N. W. 37th Ave.

Gaiety ...Zorita and snake ..78th St. & Boulevard ...20 min. away.

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