

# EDITORIAL

During the next two or three months there will be much coming and going on the part of members of the South African Society of Physiotherapy. Already physiotherapists are flying north with the swallows, to eventually arrive in the middle of June, in Copenhagen to attend the Fourth Congress of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy. Others of this fortunate migratory band fly off just in time for the commencement of the Congress on June 15th.

A full programme has been arranged in Denmark, beginning with special sessions and hospital and institutional visits to be followed by the main business of the Congress, the theme of which is "Physical Therapy for Diseases and Conditions Associated with Modern Living".

Here will be gathered physical therapists from the four corners of the globe and the benefits of meeting members of the same profession and hearing their varying points of view are legion.

Member Organizations of the World Confederation now represent eighteen countries; Brazil, Iceland and India, being the latest to apply for membership.

All this began some years ago with the inaugural meeting held in London and has grown from strength to strength with the W.C.P.T. now being internationally accepted and officially represented on several world bodies such as World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization, The International Congress of Rehabilitation and The International Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled. This latter organization hold

their Ninth World Congress in Copenhagen from June 23rd to 29th, immediately following the W.C.P.T. Congress.

With the stimulation of Copenhagen still exciting members, our own South African Society of Physiotherapy Council Meeting will be held at the beginning of September 1963, in Johannesburg, preceded by a Refresher Course under the auspices of the Sub-Department of Physiotherapy University of the Witwatersrand and the Southern Transvaal Branch, S.A.S.P. Once again this gathering will, we trust, have untold benefits to members of the Society when they meet for business, professional and social activities later this year.

All this coming-together of people of the same profession with the same interests helps to widen one's horizons. Meeting one's colleagues from different parts of the world, not only brings us together professionally, but also brings us together as members of the Human Race, and should be part of the bigger issue of better inter-race relationship, thus contributing towards World Peace. If we know each other better, surely we can understand each others problems and view-points more clearly.

Those members who are fortunate enough to go to Copenhagen this year will bring back news and views to the rest of the Society and show them through their eyes and experiences, a little of what is going on in the world beyond South Africa in the important field of Physiotherapy and in other wider spheres as well.

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