

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

Military medicine as a branch of medicine, N. Ivanov, *International Review of Medical Services*, No. 6, 1975.

... Dialectical connections between general and military medicine become apparent through the methods of investigation. Using the general methodology of medical science, military medicine possesses particular methods to satisfy the requirements of subject peculiarities. The latter at the same time determine the independence of military medicine as a branch of knowledge and a type of medical practice. Essential connections among military medicine, general medicine and military science are in their reciprocal enrichments with scientific results and experience.

Close connection with military affairs let military medical personnel realize medical after-effects of modern war in full distinctness and that together with the humane character of their activities strongly stimulate their fight for peace.

The role of the military surgeon in international life, Dr P. Dorolle, *International Review of Medical Services*, No. 6, 1975.

Physicians of the armed forces are, by vocation and training, oriented towards epidemiological studies and collective prevention, and prepared to lead mass action according to adequate strategic and logistic planning. These are the characteristics of international health action and the prerequisites of its success. No wonder that, since the time of the Paris "Office international d'Hygiène" and of the Health Organization of the League of Nations, and now in the World Health Organization, surgeons and also pharmacists of the Armed Forces, either in active service or retired, have occupied and are still occupying posts of importance either in the governing bodies of the international agencies or in their secretariats.

In conclusion it is suggested that in the interest of international health, Governments should—as some already do—give necessary facilities to officers of the medical services of their Forces who might have an opportunity to serve the international health institutions in various capacities.