

to the uniform solution of problems affecting military belligerents who disembark in a neutral country but that the goal was a manifold solution, taking into account such considerations as the nationality of the people concerned or the type of vessel. Mr. Özerden's research is along similar lines, since he advocates an even more diversified solution, taking other considerations into account, such as the conditions of the operation and the place where the victims are rescued. His solution, the result of thorough study, is by no means simple, but it seems logical and theoretically satisfactory.

I am convinced that Mr. Özerden's momentous work will prove extremely useful when it is possible to revise thoroughly the "maritime" Convention or the law of neutrality, and it is to be hoped that the Powers will then elaborate that international law to which, in 1949, they merely referred, but which is so difficult to bring about. Until such time as a complete reform is feasible, this book will be of signal service in government Ministries for the interpretation of prevailing law. I therefore wish it every success.

Caring for the Mentally Handicapped, The Role of the Nurse, by P. J. Rogers, RNMS, *Nursing Times*, London, 1971, No. 9.

...Our wards and units must become, in effect, experimental workshops where the nurse can, with the help of other disciplines, develop new techniques and fresh approaches to the training of the mentally handicapped.

We must develop purpose-built play equipment and vocational training aids. Our attitudes and techniques must be constantly examined and altered where inappropriate or inefficient. We must explore new patterns in training as well as keep an ever-watchful eye on technological development. Each nurse must be awarded the right to specialize in a particular area. The day of the over-all expert has passed and we are now in the era of the specialist. Postgraduate training and visiting scholarships must be provided.

Recently there has been a call for running down the nursing service and development of a new discipline of social therapy. This would interact with other disciplines in the training of the mentally handicapped, and through extra-curricular activities social and recreational training would be provided.

We already have, within the discipline of nursing, the best possible social therapists, and all we need is to open the doors, knock down some ancient barriers and allow the nurse to perform her real function which, in my opinion, is primarily the education, training and recreation of the mentally handicapped.

The Major Role of Nurses in the Development of Health Services, by John Munro, *The Canadian Nurse*, 1972, No. 1.

There are many other aspects of modern health that concern nurses—the restructuring of our health facilities, the demand for community services, pollution, and so on. Together with the topics I have mentioned, these constitute a challenge to the traditional concepts of medicine.

We must be aware of what is happening within the health care fields as a result of changing attitudes and new developments. As health services undergo what amounts to a revolution in method, if not in purpose, the demands and rewards of a life in nursing will undergo their own revolution. You, the nurses of Canada, are a vital part of that revolution.

Medical Research “Measured against the needs of all”, by Thomas H. Weller, *WHO Chronicle*, World Health Organization, Geneva, 1971, No. 2.

... We must respond to the search by youth for relevance in the health field. A large pool of highly motivated young physicians primarily interested in community health needs is developing. During their medical education they will have limited access to information regarding opportunities for postgraduate training, service, or research in public health. We should develop improved means to channel this information to those who seek it. Then, if we are to continue to enjoy the support of well-trained, idealistic young colleagues, an ongoing reassessment of our own research priorities is imperative. They will be watching to determine whether “every apparent medical success” is indeed “measured against the needs of all”.