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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