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A TRIBUTE

TO

DR. CICELY D. WILLIAMS,

C.M.G., O.H., P.M. (OXOM), F.R.C.P., D.T.M.& H., D.Sc.

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DR. CICELY WILLIAMS WAS BORN AT KEW PARK, BETHEL TOWN, WESTMORELAND, JAMAICA ON THE 2ND DECEMBER, 1893. SHE DID HER MEDICAL TRAINING AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND, GRADUATING IN 1923, FOLLOWING WHICH DR. CICELY SERVED AS HOUSE PHYSICIAN TO THE SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR NOMEN AND CHILDREN, ALSO AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND AT KING'S COLLEGE. SHE THEN COMPLETED THE D.T.M.3 H. DEGREE.

IN 1929, DR. CICELY BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BRITISH COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE, AND SHE WAS POSTED TO THE COLD COAST (NOW CHAMA). IT WAS THERE THAT SHE OBSERVED AND ACCURATELY DESCRIBED THE ALL TOG PREVALENT CLINICAL PICTURE OF PROTEIN-CALORIE MALNUTRITION ("KWASHIORKOW" - THE DISEASE OF THE DISPLACED BABY). IN 1936 DR. CICELY RECEIVED FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY THE DOCTORATE IN MEDICINE.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN MEST AFRICA, DR. CICELY WAS TRANS-FERRED BY THE COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE TO MALAYA AS A MAEDIATRI-CIAN TO THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN SINGAPORE. EARLY IN 1941, SHE MOVED TO THE UNFEDERATED STATE OF TRENGCANU AS STATE MEDICAL OFFICER AND HER WORK WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE INVADING JAPANESE FORCES.

IN FEBRUARY 1942, WITH THE FALL OF SINGAPORE, DR. CICELY BECAME A PRISONER OF WAR (F.O.V.) SHE WAS HEAD OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CAMP AND AS A RESULT OF THE STAND SHE TOCK IN THEIR INTERESTS, SHE WAS EXPOSED TO THE CRUEL PRIVATIONS OF A PRISONER OF WAR. AFTER HER RELEASE FROM PRISON, DR. VILLIAMS RETURNED TO WORK IN TALAYA AS ADVISOR IN CHILD PEALTH AND SHE WAS CALLED BY THE VORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO GENEVA TO BE THE FIRST HEAD OF

THE SECTION ON MATERNAL AND CHILD MEALTH. SHE WORKED IN GENEVA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA FROM 1988 UNTIL 1981.

AS A JAMAICAN, SHE PAID SEVERAL BRIEF VISITS TO HER HOME-LAND AND BETWEEN 1951 - 1953, Dr. Cicely played a significant role in the research study of "Vomiting Sickness". Buring another Visit, the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine was Hon-oured by Her participation in our teaching programmes, including that for Community Pealth Aides - when we were greatly encouraged by Her excitement and enthusiasm for this new category of Health Worker.

Among the many honours which Dr. Milliams received for her outstanding work as she contributed to the health of mankind (it is stated that she visited 70 countries on 5 continents); are the following:-

- IS65 AWARDED THE SIR JAMES SPENCE MEMORIAL GOLD REDAL FROM THE BRITISH PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION
- 1967 THE JOSEPH COLDBERGER AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
- 1968 THE COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE (C.M.G.)
- 1969 THE HOM. DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.)
  FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE MEST INDIES
- 1971 THE MARTHA ELLIOT AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
- 1972 THE DAWSON WILLIAMS PRIZE IN PAEDIATRICS FROM THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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- 1973 How, Degree from the University of Maryland, and How, Citizenship of the State of Maryland, U.S.A. (ON the Occasion of Her 38th Birthday).
- 1974 Professor Emeritus Consultant in International Family Health, Maternal and Child Health, Mutrition and Nursing of the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, U.S.A.

  Visiting Professor to the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine. University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

1975 - INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER OF MERIT (C.A.) - JAMAICA.

HER BIBLIOGRAPHY, (DETAILED IN THE SPECIAL HUMBER OF "HUTRI-TION REVIEWS" VOLUME 31, NOVEMBER 1973.) - MORE THAM 50 IN NUMBER, INCLUDES HER PRINCIPAL PUBLICATIONS - "DEFICIENCY DISEASE IN INFANTS", "KWASHIORKOR"; "COMMON DISEASES OF CHILDREN AS SEEN IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, SINGAPORE; PREVENTIVE PAEDIATRICS - AN ACCOUNT OF HEALTH WORK IN TRENGGAND, MALAYA, MUTRITIONAL CONDITIONS AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN INTERNMENT IN THE CIVILIAN CAMP IN SINGAPORE"; THE RECENT BOOK "NOTHER AND CHILD - DELIVERING THE SERVICES" - CO-AUTHORED WITH DR. DERRICK JELLIFFE; PUBLISHED IN 1972.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY THAT DR. CICELY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY IS BEING CELEBRATED AT HER OWN COLLEGE OF SOMERVILLE, OXFORD. WE JOIN WITH HER MANY FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS IN SALUTING THIS GREAT LADY AND ADDING OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR HER INVALUABLE SERVICE TO MANKIND. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND KEEP HER. WE LOOK. FORWARD TO READING SALLY CRADDOCK'S BIOGRAPHY ENTITLED "RETIRED EXCEPT ON DEMAND" - THE LIFE OF LR. CICELY MILLIAMS - WHICH WILL BE A FITTING TRIBUTE TO DR. CICELY AT THIS SPECIAL TIME.

## CICELY WILLIAMS SYMPOSIUM ON KWASHIORKOR AND FAMILY HEALTH

DR. CICELY WILLIAMS, CMC, DM, FPCP, WILL BEACH THE AGE OF 90 YEARS ON 2 DECEMBER 1903 AND A SYMPOSIUM IS BEING ARRANGED IN SOMERVILLE COLLEGE, OXFORD, ON THE FOLLOWING DAY TO DISCUSS ASPECTS OF THE FIELDS IN WHICH SHE IS A PIONEER.

THE MORNING, SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, WILL BE DEVOTED TO CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE THEME "KWASHIGRKOR REVISITED" WITH DR. HUGH TROWELL IN THE CHAIR. THIS WILL START WITH COFFEE AT IO:GO HOURS AND THE CHAIR-MAN'S INTRODUCTION WILL BE AT IO:30 HOURS.

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