

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Of all the activities coming under the jurisdiction of the various mosquito control organizations probably the most important is that phase which deals with disease prevention. Sleeping sickness, yellow fever, malaria, dengue and filariasis are the important diseases carried by the mosquito. There is no effective way of preventing the spread of these diseases except by control of the mosquito.

The most difficult angle of the situation is the problem of dealing with the ever shifting population of the country due to the war. The very nature of our war effort makes it necessary to move large numbers of workers from their place of residence to locations of new industrial plants. Some of these workers emigrate from disease infected centers to non-infected areas carrying the disease with them. In a recent newspaper article it was mentioned that eight members of the crew and four passengers on a ship arriving in New York Harbor were suffering from malaria. Cases like this create a very serious mosquito control problem. It cannot be handled by work in specified localities. It necessitates nation wide effort.

The Publication Committee of the Mosquito News, is taking this opportunity to make a plea to all members interested in mosquito control to send to the Committee any items of interest relative to the mosquito problems in their areas. For the continued success of the "News" this must be everyone's responsibility.

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