

FRENCH FORM SCIENCE SERVICE

An institution similar to Science Service of Washington for the purpose of supplying to the press readable and reliable knowledge of scientific progress, has been formed in Paris under the title of "Office d'Information Scientifique at Technique", at the instigation of M. le duc de Gramont.

The board of control consists of J. L. Breton, director of the National Office of Scientific and Industrial Research and Inventions; Charles Fabry, professor at the Sorbonne and Polytechnic School, Armand de Gramont, president of the council of the Institute of Optics; Paul Janet, director of the Superior School of Electricity; Louis Lumiere of the Academy of Sciences; Louis Mangin, director of the Museum; Emile Picard, permanent secretary of the Academy of Sciences; Georges Roger, dean of the faculty of the Academy of Medicine; Emile Roux, director of the Pasteur Institute.

The Director of the Office is Lt-Colonel J. Raibaud.

The new institution will cooperate with Science Service of Washington in the exchange of news of scientific and industrial progress in France and the United States.

GERMS IGNORE DIPLOMATIC ALLIANCES

Germs and disease carrying parasites ignore national boundary lines and migrate from country to country regardless of political and diplomatic situations. As a result of the uncertain wanderings of these invisible trouble makers, the need for international health propaganda is becoming recognized all over the world, according to Dr. Rene Sand, secretary general of the League of Red Cross Societies at Paris, who attended the Pan-American Red Cross Conference in Washington.

One progressive nation cannot hope to enjoy health if its neighbors continue to cling to medieval ideas of sanitation and disease control, said Dr. Sand. If one is to advance they must advance together.

In Geneva, Paris, and Washington there are inter-governmental agencies and associations of international experts that are engaged in health diplomacy between the different countries. The League of Red Cross Societies includes 54 nations, Russia and Turkey being the only important countries not represented.

Health advertising is one of the problems which the nations are tackling together.

"The League of Red Cross Societies has in Paris the most complete collection of health posters and leaflets in existence," said Dr. Sand. "Almost every language that can be printed is represented. When health agencies of a country want to advertise health, we send them a specially selected assortment of this material, and they adapt it to get the message across in a way that their own people will understand.