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THE YEARBOOK OF PSYCHOANALYSIS, Vol. 3, 1947—Sandor Lorand, Ed.—*International Universities Press*, 309 p., \$7.50. A group of papers of interest especially to psychologists and physicians.

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foot and mouth disease would be the prospect of getting leading scientists to come to the laboratory near New York City. Getting scientists for the project is a major problem, Dr. Simms emphasizes.

New York congressmen, however, say that if the laboratory isn't good enough for the mainland, it isn't good enough for Long Island.

Texas representatives supported the measure against the disease, now some 300 miles from the Rio Grande, but they added resolutions from groups of cattlemen urging that the laboratory not be located in the Lone Star state.

Members of the House are generally agreed on the importance of setting up the new laboratory, but no one, it appears, wants it in his district.

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VETERINARY MEDICINE

Foot-Mouth Lab Shunned

➤ A SHINY new \$25,000,000 to \$28,000,000 laboratory being planned to spearhead a long-range attack on foot and mouth disease is already one of the nation's least popular scientific institutions.

Department of Agriculture officials want to build the new research center at Camp Hero, Montauk, Long Island. Long Islanders, it seems, do not want it.

Location of the laboratory has come under fire on the floor of the House of Representatives. A bill introduced by Rep. George W. Gillie, R. Ind., a doctor of veterinary medicine, calls for construction of the foot and mouth study center off the mainland of the U. S. Islands separated from the mainland by waters suitable for deep-water navigation were permissible.

This would have permitted use of the Long Island site, termed "our first

choice" by Dr. B. T. Simms, chief of the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry.

But Rep. W. Kingsland Macy, R., N. Y., in whose district the laboratory would be established, protested. He introduced an amendment which was passed to prevent construction of the center on a site connected to the mainland by a bridge or tunnel.

Dr. Simms declares that the laboratory would not be dangerous. Infected cattle would be kept in buildings where even the outgoing air would be sterilized. Wastes would be piped out to sea. There would be no noises or odors to disturb neighbors to the mile-square laboratory area.

The buildings would even "be pleasing to the eye," the Department of Agriculture spokesman has promised.

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