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Seventeenth Bulletin to Member-Organisations

Excerpts from President's Message

"The life of an International Body such as the W.C.P.T. will a greater part of the time pass by without much attention from individual physiotherapists.

Naturally the officers who have the daily work (at Headquarters) hope for and dream of the day when the W.C.P.T. becomes familiar to all physiotherapists to such an extent that they feel and know that they themselves are a vital part of the W.C.P.T.; the same is—I am sure—the wish that all national organisations have with regard to their own members.

Fortunately one of the aims and objectives of the W.C.P.T. is to arrange Congresses at regular intervals and with each Congress more and more physiotherapists will have the opportunity of enjoying the full privilege of belonging to a professional group spread out in almost all parts of the world. During the Congress-week we take part in a common way of life . . . and when we return home bringing back our experiences and a feeling of professional fellowship, the first seed of the value of the W.C.P.T. is sown.

The activities of the W.C.P.T. will need time before they can expand to full size, and in the beginning we cannot expect to fulfil the obligations which rightly should be placed upon us. The planning of work is limited by outside factors and by conditions within the Confederation

itself. One of these conditions will be economics. No organization, national or international, can work without money, and you cannot demand money until you have gained a certain amount of interest and confidence in a project whatever it may be.

This was not forgotten when at the inaugural meeting the annual subscription was fixed at a very modest sum.

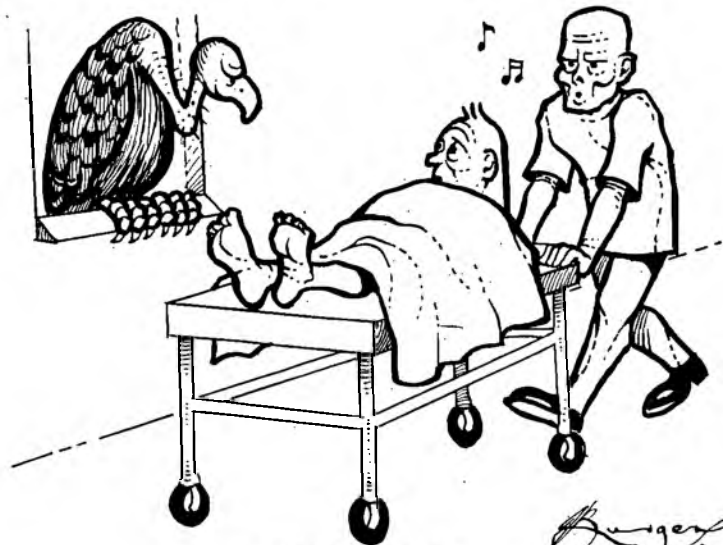
In the past years we have been very fortunate to have one Member-organization which has voluntarily assumed the bulk of the financial burden.

Now we have realized that a new financial policy must be established.

Some months ago all Member-organizations received from the Hon. Secretary a memorandum which explained in detail the financial position of the W.C.P.T. and indicated that suggestions for changing the subscription to a per capita fee will be put forward at the General Meeting 1963. Realizing that a consolidation of the W.C.P.T. financial position ought to take place before 1963 the memorandum concluded with an appeal to all Member-organizations to take action towards realization of the per capita scheme at the earliest possible moment by obtaining commitments from their governing bodies and informing the Hon. Secretary as to the result.

"Only with this information can the Executive plan its work for the next four years' and I hope preliminary steps are already taken."

RUDIE AGERSNAP, *President.*



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