

News and Notes

1979-INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD NATIONAL COMMITTEE SET UP FOR OBSERVANCE OF I.Y.C.

President Fazal Elahi Chaudhry will be Patron-in-Chief of the National Committee, set up for the observance of the International Year of the Child in Pakistan.

The Committee, a fully representative body, has been constituted to plan, organise and co-ordinate all programmes relating to International Year of the Child. The Secretary, Ministry of Health, Population and Social Welfare, Lt. Gen. C.K. Hasan will head the Committee.

It will be recalled that in response to the proclamation of the United Nation's General Assembly, declaring 1979 as the International Year of the Child, the Government of Pakistan have designated the Social Welfare Wing of the Ministry of Health, Population and Social Welfare as the Coordinating Ministry for the observance of I.Y.C. in the country.

A number of plans aimed at strengthening the relationship between Government and voluntary agencies associated with children, family welfare will be undertaken during the I.Y.C. in order to extend and improve facilities for children.

Special programmes for the mentally and physically handicapped children at different levels, in both urban and rural areas of the country, will also be conducted with a view to determining types of programmes for child development and how such programmes could effectively be replicated in all the provinces.

The parents, teachers, welfare workers and planners will be closely involved in the observance of the year.

MALARIA CONTROL MEASURES REVIEWED AT INTER-PROVINCIAL MEETING

An Inter-Provincial meeting was held at Karachi on May 21, 1978 to review the progress of Malaria control work in the country. Director-General Health, Government of Pakistan, Major-General Iqbal Muhammad Chaudhry was in the chair.

The Director General, Health addressing the meeting said that the Government was seized with the problem of Malaria, and to fight this menace, 8,000 metric tons of various insecti-

cides costing crores of rupees have been provided for use during May to September this year. Moreover, he said, this year all the houses in the rural areas will be sprayed with malathion, a new insecticide, the use of which during 1976 and 1977 had brought about a drastic fall in Malaria.

He further said that for the first time Malaria control activities were being carried out in cities also, which were ignored in the past.

He said that more than 20,000 spraymen, would be deployed throughout the country during the next three months to undertake the gigantic task of Malaria eradication. He, however, stressed the need for a careful planning and implementation for the success of the massive undertaking.

The two-day meeting was attended by the representatives of the Federal Government, Provincial Governments, WHO and US AID.

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