

## News and Notes

The Annual general elections of Pakistan Medical Association, Rawalpindi—Islamabad Branch were held on 11th May, 1978. The following office bearers were elected:—

President: Dr. Tariq M. Awan; Vice President: Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Khan; General Secretary: Dr. Khalid Mahmood; Joint Secretary: Dr. Din Ara Qadri; Clinical Secretary: Dr. M. Iqbal; Financial Secretary: Dr. Nuruddin; Chairman PMA House Committee: Dr. M. Saeed Ahmad; Chairman PMA: Khan Mohammad, Charitable Drug Bank: Dr. Col. Faquir Mohammad Khan; Provincial Councillors: Dr. Saleem Iqbal Bhutta, Dr. M.M. Raza, Dr. Khalid M. Awan and Dr. M. Afzal Ezaz; Central Councillors: Dr. A.H. Akhtar, Dr. M. Afzal Ezza, Dr. Ali Mohammad Khan and Dr. Mohammad Shafiq; Managing Secretary, Rawal Medical Journal: Dr. Khawja Ahmad Abbas; Editor-in-Chief, Rawal Medical Journal: Dr. Khalida Adeeb Khanum Akhtar; Executive Committee: Dr. Maj. Rashid, Dr. S. Mohsin Ali, Dr. Rana Riaz Ahmad and Dr. Masooma Niazi.

### KIDNEY MACHINES DELIVERED ON NEW AIR INDIA 747

The Northwest Kidney Center of the United States, with the cooperative efforts of

The Boeing Company and Air India, has shipped 20 artificial kidney machines from the home of the Boeing 747 to Jaslock Hospital and Research Centre in Bombay.

The kidney machines were loaded onto a new Boeing 747 being delivered to Air India. The airplane left the Boeing 747 Division plant, Everett, Washington State, recently from Bombay via London.

The kidney machine donation was instigated by Dr. M.M. Mani, nephrologist for J.P. Narayan, an Indian spiritual leader who was in Seattle for surgery last summer in connection with kidney treatment.

While he was here, Dr. Mani spoke of the need for artificial kidney machines in his country. The Northwest Kidney Center had some machines no longer in use, but the cost of shipment would have been prohibitive.

Dr. Mani is also staff nephrologist for Air India, and negotiations were begun in the late summer of 1977 for the machines to be sent as cargo in Air India's next 747 delivery.

Jimmy D. Bilimoria, Air India's resident representative at the Boeing Commercial Airplane Company, coordinated the shipment with the Northwest Kidney Center.

The 20 dialysis machines are an older model, still fully functional, but no longer suitable for dialysis treatment in individual's homes, which is how most Kidney Centre patients are presently treated in the U.S.

Kidney patients face certain death without dialysis or a kidney transplant.



A Northwest Kidney Foundation official (right) opened a 747 lower-deck cargo container to show Capt. Jimmy Martin, Air India International's director of public relations, two of the twenty artificial kidney machines being loaded on a new Air India 747 at the Boeing 747 Division plant, Everett, Washington, for delivery in Bombay. The machines were donated to the Jaslock Hospital and Research Center in Bombay by the kidney foundation.

### HEART MUSCLE DISORDER STUDY

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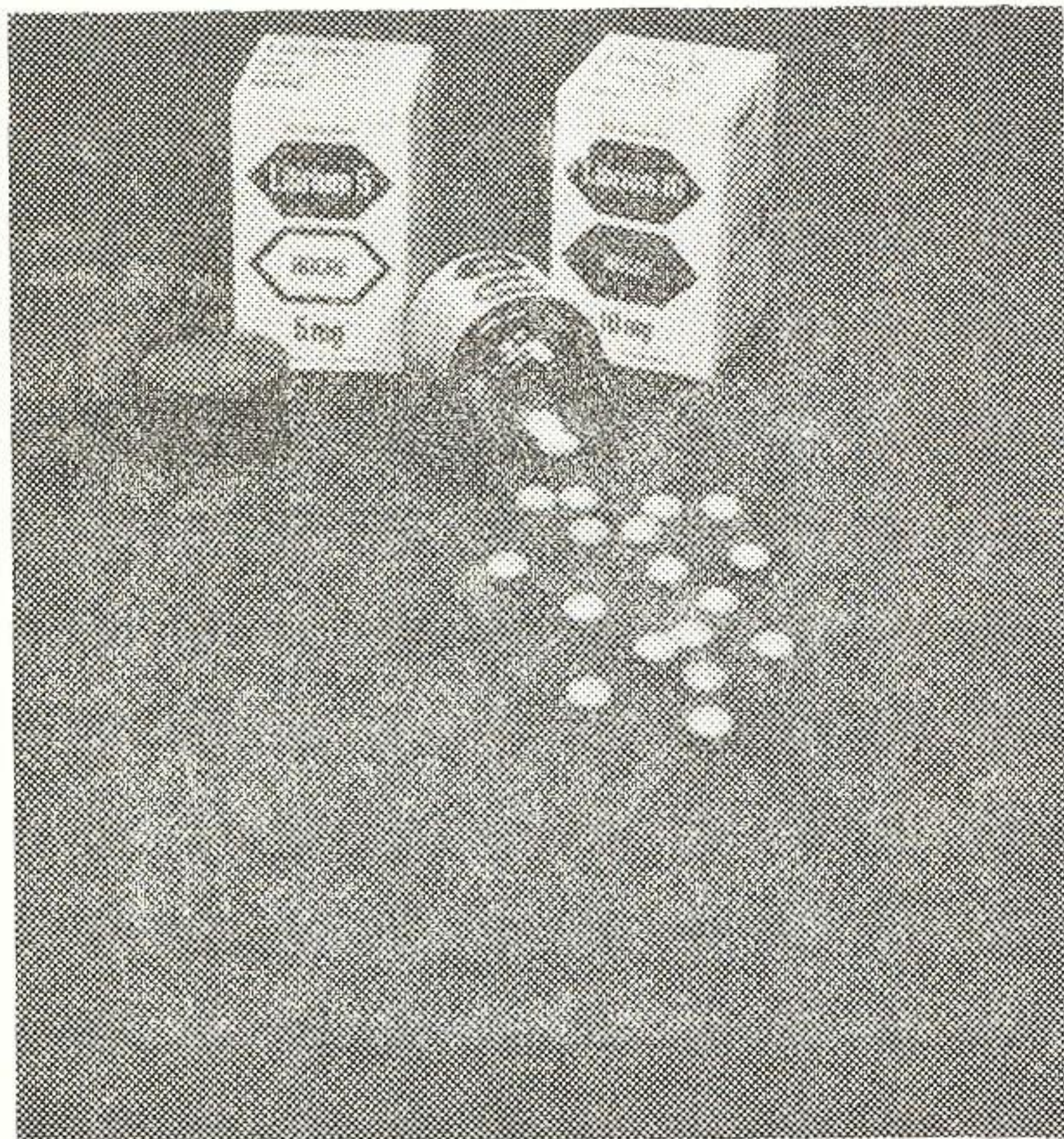
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