

## *Foreword*

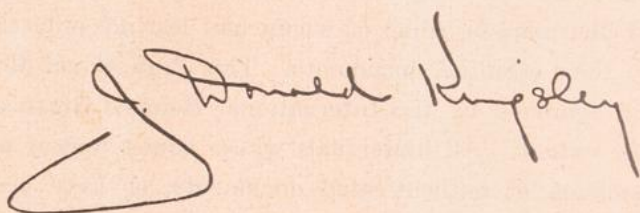
**A**MONG the millions of displaced persons and refugees created before and during the 1939-45 world war were large numbers of physicians, surgeons, dentists and pharmacists, some of whom had lost not only their material possessions but also their essential documents. This Professional Medical Register has therefore been compiled by the International Refugee Organisation to replace this loss to some extent. All individuals whose names appear on the Register are either in possession of authenticated documents, or have been carefully examined by a medical screening board composed of eminent European physicians and surgeons, some of them University Professors, whose own integrity and standing are such that they are fully competent to confirm, or reject, the claims put forward by refugees as to professional qualifications. These medical boards, constituted by the International Refugee Organisation, examined all members of the medical and para-medical professions in Germany, Austria and Italy, and some located in the Middle and Far East.

This Register has been devised as a permanent record of these investigations, and certifies that all persons whose names appear herein have, in fact, qualified according to the regulations and standards existing at the time and place noted in each case. In other words, the accuracy of the claims of these refugees has been confirmed and cross-checked, and their qualifications should be recognised even in those cases where they are unable to produce the normal diplomas of graduation. The International Refugee Organisation has issued a "Certificate of Professional Status" to each person whose name has been included in the Register.

It is opportune to note that many of the refugees have been employed by the I.R.O. to provide a medical service in refugee camps, clinics, hospitals and sanatoria. Extensive public health programmes in line with the most modern methods have been carried out, especially for vulnerable groups, such as infants, children, pregnant women and the aged, as well as in tuberculosis, venereal diseases and rehabilitation. They have had continuing experience, therefore, not only as practitioners, but in their own specialities, and most of them have, in addition, some administrative experience. Many have also had the opportunity to attend post-

graduate courses in local Universities, where the instruction has frequently been given by eminent American medical personnel.

It is hoped, therefore, that this Register will be of assistance to Governments, Medical Associations and Teaching Bodies, not only in the confirmation of the claims of refugee members of the Medical and Para-Medical Professions, but also in the selection of such refugees for medical work.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Donald Kingsley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper. The first letter "J" is large and loops around. The name "Donald" is written in a standard cursive, and "Kingsley" follows in a similar style.

J. DONALD KINGSLEY,  
Director General.