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I HESITATE somewhat in presenting a subject in which I am not a specialist before a distinguished group of this kind, and I am sure you will not expect me to have mastered the tongue-twisting words which are in common usage in a discussion among members of the medical profession. I must therefore confine myself to a somewhat general presentation of the progress of medical work in the Soviet Union. In my country the problems of the health and well-being of the community are so integral a part of our whole program, however, so much attention is devoted to them in our press, in our meetings and congresses, in our

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whole planning program, that the layman can not escape being in constant touch with the activities in the field. In my own work I have thus had the opportunity to become somewhat familiar with medical problems in the Soviet Union.

In the effort to establish social conditions that will make for a healthier citizenry I am sure we have a common ground of interest and can find a common vocabulary. In the field in which I am now functioning, in the field of helping to establish peaceful relations among all the nations, and in particular of helping to strengthen the bonds of friendship and mutual help between your great country and the Soviet Union, I am sure we also speak the same language. In the attempt to find a way of wiping out the disease of war, of replacing it by peaceful cooperation among the

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