

FIRST SESSION

THE EARLY DETECTION OF IMPORTED AND ENDEMIC DISEASE

INTRODUCTION

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I AM delighted to welcome you all here, with a special welcome to Dr Annis Gillie, president of the Royal College of General Practitioners. My task is a simple one, namely that of introducing you to Lord Platt, Emeritus Professor of Medicine in Manchester University, past president of the Royal College of Physicians. You will also remember that he was instrumental in the tremendous reorganization required to move the College of Physicians from Trafalgar Square to Regent's Park. He has always shown a keen interest and readiness to help us in every possible way.

IMPORTED DISEASE

OPENING REMARKS

**Lord Platt (*Chairman; Emeritus Professor of Medicine in the
University of Manchester; past president of the Royal College
of Physicians*)**

THE two subjects of the programme are 'Imported disease' and 'Screening for endemic disease' and they are two problems of medical care to which it is easy to give insufficient attention. The speakers are well chosen people, many of whom you will know about, and I will only just give you a little anecdote which shows the importance of what we are going to talk about. This was during the war and I was in hospital in Tunis, just at the end of the North African