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On the encouraging side the India-Harvard-Ludhiana study in Punjab is taking shape. As you may know, the RF made a grant to the Harvard School of Public Health for this population project. Dr. John Gordon's philosophy is expressed in an article in the Journal of American Medical Sciences of January or February 1954. Two capable men, Drs Carl E Taylor and Joh B Wyon, are on the job and local staff selected and villages chosen. After preliminary study and establishment of methodology and record-keeping they plan to offer five simple methods (Rhythm, coitus interruptus, salt pad, jelly and a powder). After learning about acceptability and other factors one or two methods will be tested in groups of experimental and control villages. Although progress has been slower than expected, I am confident it will be a careful and persistent study.