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RALPH ARTHUR NEAL, PhD (1925-1990)

Clifford Dobell's last doctorate student was Neal who never lost his interest in Intestinal Protozoa. However his main work was to try to find a therapeutic answer for *Trypanosoma cruzi* and leishmanial infections of man. He devoted decades to this endeavour at the Wellcome laboratories in Beckenham Kent. Although never really successful he never lost heart and was always optimistic about the future. His special experience in this field meant that he was selected to serve the World Health Organisation in various capacities. Retirement was never contemplated and he spent

his closing years in the Department of Protozoology of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Virtually his last presentation of new work on experimental therapeutics of these two South American endemic protozoal diseases was given at the Núcleo of Medicine Tropical of the University of Brasília. As always he illuminated new therapeutic possibilities with wit and wisdom. We shall not see his like again.

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