

## THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE THE PENAL CASES COMMITTEE

The Penal Cases Committee of the Council on the 17th January and 28th March, 1963, inquired into four complaints of issuing sick certificates by four private medical practitioners in Singapore. Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng, B.B.M., President of the Council, was in the Chair.

The four private medical practitioners concerned were as follows:—

- (a) Dr. Elapulli Anantanarayana SHANKAR,  
Shankar Dispensary,  
351 Serangoon Road,  
Singapore 8.
- (b) Dr. Anent KULKARNI,  
Kulkarni Dispensary,  
367 Upper East Coast Road,  
Singapore 15.
- (c) Dr. Mohamed GAUS Mahyudin,  
City Dispensary & Store,  
132 Serangoon Road,  
Singapore 8.

- (d) Dr. Jack FLINTER,  
Ong Dispensary,  
306 Joo Chiat Road,  
Singapore 15.

The determinations of the Committee were as follows:—

- (i) Inquiries be held by the Medical Council of Singapore in accordance with regulation 15(c) of the Medical Registration Regulations, 1955 in respect of Doctors E. A. Shankar, A. Kulkarni and M. Gaus.
- (ii) A letter be sent to Dr. J. Flinter, informing him that the charge against him in respect of issuing a false medical certificate had been withdrawn. However, he should be warned that by allowing the dispenser to handle the signed blank certificates, he had abused the privilege of the medical profession and that such practice should be discontinued forthwith. The Council accepted the decision of the Committee and directed the Registrar to send a letter to Dr. J. Flinter accordingly.

## INQUIRIES OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE

The Council held three inquiries on the 5th September and 17th October, 1963. Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng, B.B.M., President of the Council, was in the Chair. Mr. H. L. Wee of Messrs. C. J. Koh & Co. and Mr. N. N. Leicester of Messrs. Leicester & Chen were appointed as Legal Assessor and Solicitor to the Council respectively.

### **Inquiry No. 1 — Dr. Elapulli Anantanarayana SHANKAR**

Dr. E. A. Shankar was charged as follows:—

“That you on the 29th day of October, 1962, at about 9.50 a.m., at Shankar Dispensary, 351 Serangoon Road, Singapore, did issue to one Wong Chai Fook of 15-C Tanglin Halt Road, Singapore, a medical certificate stating he was suffering from diarrhoea and required rest for one day which certificate

you knew to be false, and that in relation to the facts alleged you have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.”

The President, after the Council's deliberation in camera, announced that Dr. Shankar was found guilty of the offence charged but that in view of the circumstances then, he directed that a letter of warning be sent to Dr. Shankar.

Dr. E. A. Shankar was present and was represented by Mr. M. Karthigesu, Solicitor.

### **Inquiry No. 2 — Dr. Anent KULKARNI**

Dr. A. Kulkarni was charged as follows:—

“That you on the 6th day of November, 1962, at about 9.10 a.m., at Kulkarni Dispensary, 367 Upper East Coast Road, Singapore, did issue to one R. Bupendra of 794-9 Pasir Panjang Road,

Singapore, a certificate stating he was under treatment for influenza and was unfit for work for two days, which certificate you knew to be false, and that in relation to the facts alleged you have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.”

The Council having deliberated in camera, the President announced that by reason of the conviction which had been proved against him, the Council had directed the Registrar to erase Dr. Anent Kulkarni's name from the Register.

Dr. A. Kulkarni was present and represented by Mr. L. A. J. Smith, Solicitor.

**Inquiry No. 3 — Dr. Mohamed GAUS Mahyudin**

Dr. M. Gaus was charged as follows:—

“That you on the 5th day of November, 1962, at about 8.40 a.m., at City Dis-

pensary and Store, 132 Serangoon Road, Singapore, did issue to one R. Bupendra of 794-9 Pasir Panjang Road, Singapore, a certificate stating that he was suffering from influenza and recommended 2 days sick leave with effect from 5.11.62 which certificate you knew to be false, and that in relation to the facts alleged you have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respects.”

The Council, after hearing and considering the evidence, determined that Dr. M. Gaus was not guilty as charged. However, Dr. M. Gaus was given an admonition through its President to advise and warn him not to continue with the practice of leaving behind signed blank medical certificates.

Dr. M. Gaus was present and was represented by Dato Syed Esa Almenoar, Solicitor.