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Abortion laws to remain

Speaking at the Sixth South African International Symposium on Forensic Medicine, Dr H. Bukofzer, Chief District Surgeon of Johannesburg said that although there were moves afoot to liberalise the abortion laws in S. Africa, they would not succeed. “On purely moral grounds, this will not be accepted in our country,” said Dr Bukofzer.

Most medical practitioners accepted the Abortion and Sterilisation Act as it stood.

Dr James Gilliland, Deputy Regional Director of Health told delegates that more than 3 000 legal abortions had been procured in S. Africa since the implementation of the Act.

Mental problems followed by physical health ones were the main reason behind these abortions.

He also said that the Act appeared to be working well.

Professor S.A. Strauss, head of the Department of Criminal and Procedural Law at the University of S. Africa, said that medical people believed the procedure for procuring an abortion under the Act was too cumbersome and should be streamlined. There seemed a case for abortion being extended to include sterilisation failure.

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Congress News

The Fifth South African International Radiological Congress will take place in Johannesburg from 8th - 15th October 1982. Honoraria will be offered.

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