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The meeting was opened by the chairman, surgeon in chief
G. Asplund, Stockholm.

P. G. K. BENTZON, Aarhus:

THE OPERATIVE TREATMENT OF DISABLING FLAT-
FOOT—ESPECIALLY BY COALITIO CALCaneo-
NAVICULARIS

(To be published later on in this journal)

SNORRI HALLGRIMSSON, Stockholm:

EXPERIENCES FROM FIFTY SUBTALUS ARTHRODESIS
IN POLIOMYELITIS

(See Hallgrimsson: "Studies on Reconstructive and Stabilizing Operations
on the Skeleton of the Foot—with Special Reference to Subastragalar
Arthrodesis in the Treatment of Foot Deformities following Infantile
Paralysis." *Acta Chirurgica Scandinavica*, Vol. LXXXVIII,
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DISCUSSION

Bentzon, P. G. K.:

In subtalus arthrodesis for poliomyelitis I perform the operation in the same manner as the one I have described today for arthrodesis in cases of disabling flat-foot.

I consider it very important that transplantation of tendons is carried out at the same time as the subtalus arthrodesis so that the remaining muscular power is distributed as rationally as possible. If, for instance, the triceps is weak and there is a tendency to calcaneus foot, I transplant the tendons of the possibly functioning tibialis posterior or peronei to the Achilles tendon.

I wish to emphasize that it is always preferable that the foot after the operation is in slight valgus position instead of varus, and hence I particularly want to "neutralize" a strong tibialis posterior—sometimes by transplanting it laterally to the peroneus brevis.