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Trachoma (an eye disease which can lead to blindness) may today be cured with antibictics. Nevertheless four out of five Egyptians (1960) are suffering from trachoma and related eye infections. The Egyptian government, with international assistance, is conducting a pilot project to develop a practical plan to control this disease at Qalyub, in the Nile Delta just north of Cairo, an area comprising sixteen villages where treatment is being carried out in schools and in homes. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) supplies antibiotics, vehicles and some basic equipment for health centres where training is given to administer the treatment. The World Health Organization (WHO) gives technical guidance. (UNICEF Series 3976-79) PLEASE CREDIT UNICEF PHOTOS BY GEORGE HOLITON