

### SIX SCIENTISTS JOIN WITH U. S. IN CANCER WAR

Group Appointed to Direct Institute's Campaign Against Disease.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (U. P.)—Six famous American scientists enlisted with the Government today in a drive to diminish the ravages of cancer, which claimed 140,000 American lives in 1936.

ations of the National Cancer Institute, created by Congress. Those named were: Dr. Arthur H. Compton, Chicago, who won the Nobel prize for physics in 1927, and is one of the world's authorities on X-ray. Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard University and former director of cancer research at the Memorial Hospital in New York City and professor of pathology at Cornell University. Dr. Francis Carter Wood, director of the Crocker Institute of Cancer Research, Columbia University, New York. Dr. Clarence Cook Little, Bar Harbor, Me., head of the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory and managing director of the American Society for Control of Cancer. Dr. Ludwig Hektoen, Chicago, head of the department of pathology at the University of Chicago. Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon-general of the U. S. Public Health Service (ex officio). The Cancer Institute, with 10

million dollars of Government money, will be established on an attractive estate in Bethesda, Md., on the outskirts of Washington. The site was bequeathed to the Government for this purpose by the late Luke Wilson, wealthy haberdashery manufacturer. Director of the new institute probably will be Dr. Lewis Ryers Thompson, director of the National Institute of Health, the Government's agency for guarding industrial and municipal health. Thirty years ago, Dr. Thompson said, the combined death rate in the United States was 433.6 per 100,000 population, from diphtheria, diarrhea, scarlet fever, tuberculosis and typhoid fever. In 1934, it was 83.5. "The life expectancy of infants at birth has been raised materially," Dr. Thompson said. "But that of adults is slightly lower than it was decades ago, because cancer has come along to strike down thousands of Americans each year. "Science is saving lives in younger age groups, but people die of some-

thing, and cancer came along to claim one-third more victims than it once did." Dr. Thompson cited a statement by Dr. Parran that there is a 50 per cent higher cancer rate among unskilled workers than among professional men.

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