

Fear Called Big Block to Cancer Aid

Attitudes Assailed By Research Specialist

By DONNA MIKELS
The public's gloomy outlook toward cancer is one of the greatest obstacles to wider treatment and cure, a doctor internationally known in cancer research said here today.

"When a man has a heart attack, he and his family and friends look upon it as a natural consequence of a life of effort, a badge of honor for years of useful living," said Dr. J. A. del Regato, director of Penrose Cancer Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo. "But if the same man has cancer, he and his family become filled with dread."

"Actually," the doctor pointed out, "many ailments like heart diseases, which are regarded with less dread, have only one outcome, while there is a very great chance that cancer can be cured with early attention."

Dr. del Regato was one of the speakers at the final day of Indiana University Medical Center's postgraduate Symposium on Malignant Disease.

"Unjustifiable Fear
The attitude too often found is to put off seeing a doctor about what might be cancer because of an unjustifiable fear of cancer. I say unjustifiable because cancer can be cured in many cases."

Dr. del Regato, a graduate of the University of Paris and one-time research fellow at the Curie Foundation of Paris, said the public does not grasp the true facts of the present possibilities for cancer cure.

He pointed out that at present doctors can cure 40 to 50 per cent of cancer of the cervix, the second most common form of cancer in women. There is a high percentage of cure in other types of cancer, but the overall average is lowered by too many cancer victims seeking diagnosis or treatment too late.

Dr. del Regato's topic before Indiana doctors and dentists today was "Radiation Treatment of Carcinoma of the Larynx."

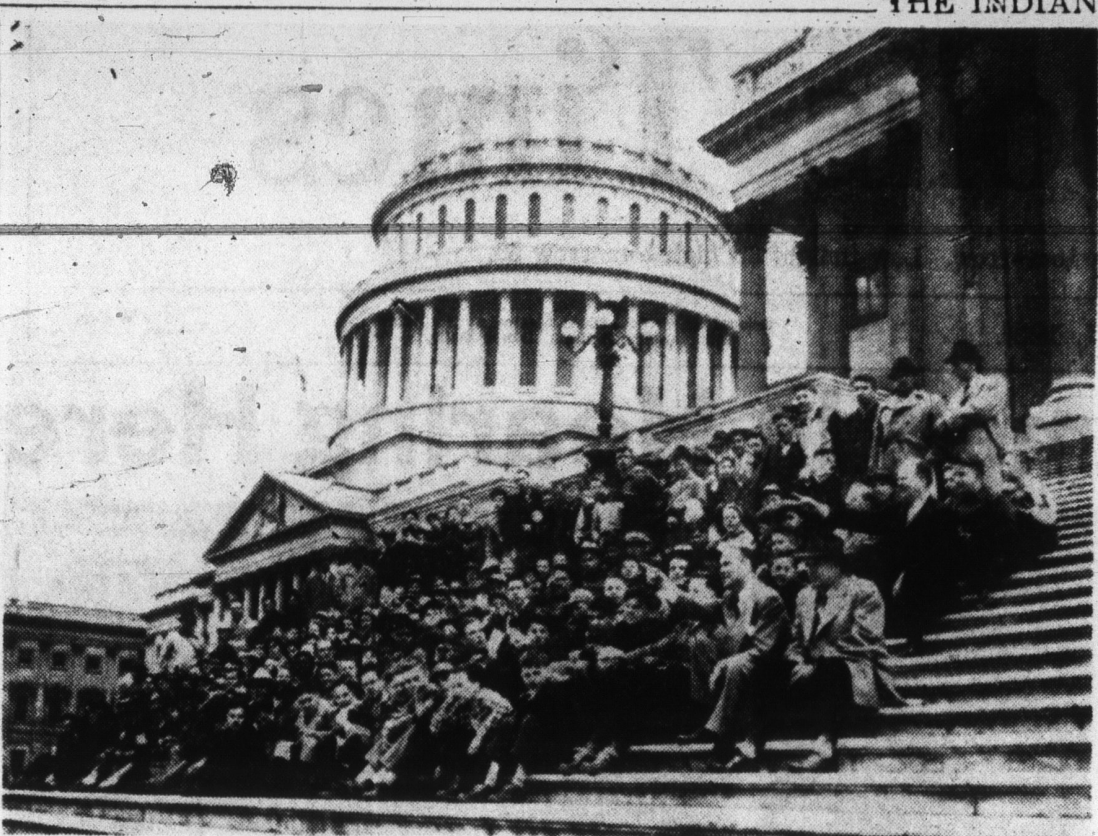
He said cancer of the larynx is found most often in men, and that early diagnosis is all-important to the success of treatment, as in any form of cancer.

Most frequent symptoms are hoarseness, difficulty in breathing or noisy breathing, difficulty in swallowing or any cough which occurs during meals.

Any of these symptoms, Dr. del Regato said, may be due to other causes, but they also may be an early sign of cancer.

The speaker scored the tendency of men to put off seeing a doctor and to rely on self-prescribed medication.

Dr. del Regato said all doctors look forward to the time that science may discover a pill or treatment that is a sure cure for cancer. But in the meantime, he said, the public should throw aside unreasonable fear and make use of the treatments already known.



SEEING THE SIGHTS—Times carrier boys have senatorial "guides" from Indiana as they visit the Capitol during their tour of Washington. At right, seated (light suit, pointing) is Sen. William E. Jenner. On his left is Russell Faux, Times circulation manager. Seated above (pointing) is Sen. Homer Capehart.

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When these men are lost to the Armed Forces, they have neither the training personnel or the equipment to produce replacement men. He said one company had lost a key man who could be replaced in less than four years, and the loss of the man had cost the company 20 per cent in production.

Cite Michigan Case
Wayne County (Detroit) Mich. law enforcement officers experienced virtually the same situation several years ago, James J. Stewart, chief investigator in the Michigan prosecutor's office, said today.

Following several writs of mandamus filed by bookies seeking to force the prosecutor, police and Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to reinstate service, a unique "fool proof" system of lifting telephone lines was developed.

The Detroit system simply involved the police or members of the prosecutor's staff actually taking bets over bookie telephone lines.

"We raid a place," Mr. Stewart said, "and take the bookie away. Members of my staff remain to answer the telephone. They take several bets before leaving. When they leave the telephone goes with them."

Take Bets First
In other cases, where operators are not on the premises, we sometimes enter on a search warrant. We wait around quietly and the telephone nearly always rings. We take the bets and out goes the phone."

Chief Stewart said writs of mandamus, such as threatened by some Indianapolis bookies, were filed quite frequently by operators seeking to get their service restored. He said one such case was slated in Wayne County, Mich., court next week.

"Sometimes they beat us on technicalities such as illegal search and seizure because of a flaw in a search warrant—but we hit 'em again."

Mallory Buys Frankfort Plant

Expansion to Call for 1200 More Employees

By HAROLD H. HARTLEY
Times Business Editor
The fast-expanding P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., has purchased the big Ushco manufacturing plant in Frankfort. It will employ 1200.

Joseph E. Cain, Mallory president, said the plant would manufacture three products being developed in Mallory's research laboratories, and will go into production as soon as possible.

He emphasized that the Frankfort plant is not a defense plant to be operated only through the emergency then left abandoned. It will employ Frankfort people and will draw from nearby communities.

Mr. Cain, who just turned in a report of Mallory's biggest year, said he had bought the plant in Frankfort because he did not want to put further strain on the labor supply in Indianapolis.

And he said he would not ask anyone to leave their jobs at the Mallory plants here and go to Frankfort.

"Our new plant will take no jobs from our own people here," he said.

The plant has 175,000 square feet. The price was not revealed. The purchase was made for Mallory by Klein & Kuhn in New York.

O'Neill 'Comes Along'
NEW YORK, Apr. 4 (UP)—Eugene O'Neill, 64-year-old playwright, was reported "coming along well" today at Doctors' Hospital where he is under treatment for a fracture of the knee joint.

It was expected he would remain a month or more.

Congress Hits Tax Offices' Filing Policy

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force keeping of adequate records. But if there's any question about it, they'll write tighter, tougher law. Sen. Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.) Senate Finance Committee chairman, thinks this may be the answer. Many colleagues agree.

Internal revenue people give an impression of feeling sadly misunderstood and hurt at the caustic things Congress is saying about them. They answer:

ONE: That proving a case of "willful" failure to keep records, as the law provides, is no soft touch.

TWO: Forcing a taxpayer to keep records to be used against him in a tax case raises a question of constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

THREE: If the government goes in for over-policing and gives the taxpayer the idea someone always is looking over his shoulder, a tax collection system based on good will and voluntary pay-up might be endangered.

FOUR: Even if "willful" failure to keep books is proved it is only a misdemeanor carrying a \$10,000 fine or a year in jail. A judicial slap on the wrist, perhaps far short of this, can't be much of a deterrent to evasion.

THE INTERNAL Revenue Bureau rarely prosecutes anyone on the failure-to-keep-records charge. At times it couples this charge with a tougher felony charge of "willfully attempting in any manner to evade or defeat any tax."

Congressmen think the bureau's record is extremely lame on this point.

The Kefauver Committee tried to learn why racketeers submit income tax returns lacking detail or itemization on income or expenses—returns "which the bureau would not accept from ordinary citizens."

A Capone gang lawyer, Eugene Bernstein, blandly said that "we took our clients' word for it based on information they gave us."

Mr. Bernstein said he knew nothing of his clients' business or income sources.

HARRY SACKMAN, tax lawyer for mobster Mickey Cohen, told the committee:

"I always ask him each year to give me the details and he says here is the figure and this is the only thing I can present to you. If the government accepts the figure, that is their responsibility."

The Internal Revenue Bureau says it does go into further investigations of such returns. It has presented facts and figures on many tax prosecutions. Congress remains skeptical.

The fact is that, privately, internal revenue people seem to put little store in the efficacy of forcing crooks to keep books—they think the answer often will be crooked books. They cite cases now where three or four sets of books are kept for the purpose of tax evasion.

THEY RAISE a question as to how far you go in forcing the keeping of records—do you, for example, force a businessman taxpayer to keep every bar check for a year to support his income tax deduction for legitimate business entertainment?

The internal revenue job of checking on 90 million returns annually already is pretty big, the bureau thinks. Are you going to set a new force at work counting bar checks and tabulating other small items?

Bureau people say when they set out to make a criminal case against a crook they don't rely on books anyway. A frequent method is to establish a tax evader's "net worth." A gambler may report income of \$20,000 a year, say, and live in \$100,000-a-year style.

The job of the bureau is to go back to a "zero" point in his assets, to when he had either nothing at all or a clearly stated amount, and then to show expenditures over a period of years that could not possibly have come from the income shown on his returns.

IT DOESN'T always work—or at any rate, not very fast. Jimmy La Fontaine, Washington's No. 1 big-money gambler, filed "allegedly false and fraudulent" income tax returns for 19 years until he died a couple years ago. In those years he reported income of \$1,056,000 when he made \$2,352,000. Mr. La Fontaine stashed his un-revealed million-plus in a strong box, lived without the gamblers' usual ostentatious show of mansion-with-fleet-of-Cadillacs, and only in death did the revenue men catch up with him.

Internal revenue people say they can get convictions with law already on the books for inadequate record-keeping such as the Kefauver Committee disclosed among the racketeers. There have been instances, perhaps rare, of people going to jail on a plea of guilty for failure to keep records.

A HOUSE ways and means subcommittee headed by Rep. Cecil King (D. Cal.), apparently convinced that the bureau has failed to be aggressive in such cases, has suggested that when a vague return is received, unsupported by detail or records, the taxpayer be put on notice he must keep records the following year. That, in the view of congressmen, would meet the need of proving "willful" failure specified in the law.

There may be other new legal approaches before the tax evasion furor dies down. Congressmen seem too indignant at this point to accept the excuses given by Treasury and Internal Revenue Bureau officials.

Tomorrow: Playing politics with the tax business.

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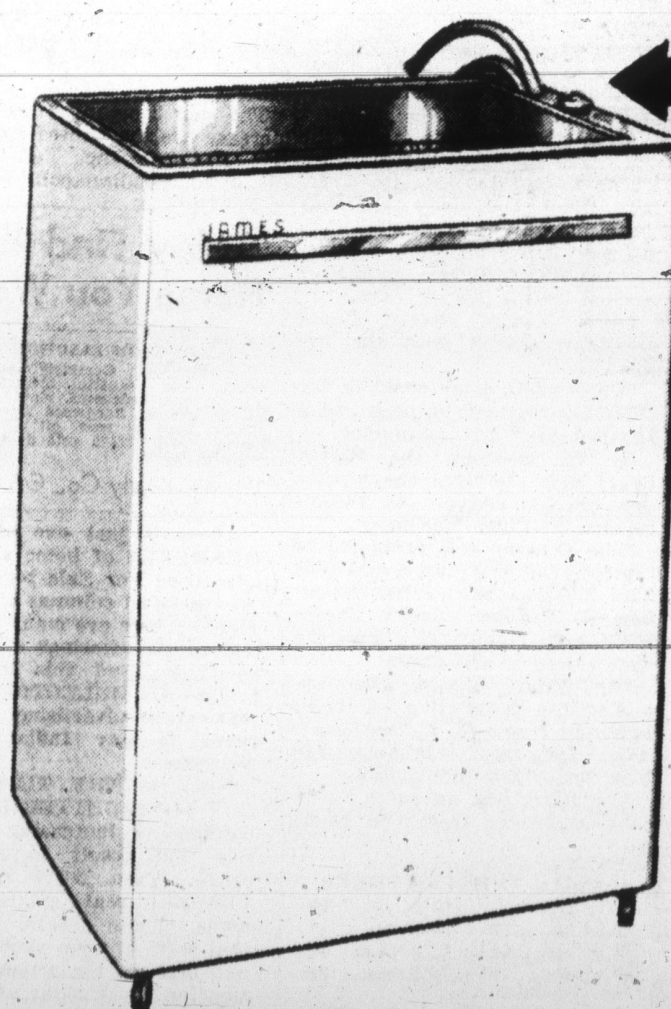
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STARTING POINT

A successful room requires a plan... and often the most satisfactory plan is one that's worked out on paper ahead of time.

If you're beginning from scratch and have to buy everything new for the home—or just redecorating one room—the question of "where shall I start" is certain to arise.

A tried and proved starting point is the selection of one good piece, then proceed to build your room around it. The breakfast room is the best place to be used in this starting-point plan on many counts. It is a double-duty piece with space for writing, shelves for books and precious collections, and storage drawers. Besides adding a note of charm and beauty to your living room, it is decoratively significant in other ways. It helps balance masses. Try placing it opposite a large door and see how it brings a sense of balance to the room.

In a room without a mantel, the breakfast room may become the room's focal point with chairs and sofa grouped around it. If space is limited, a small-scale breakfast room or a tall secretary may be substituted.

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