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FIGHTING DISEASE

By Charles V. Stanton

Are we losing the fight against disease?
The American Cancer Society says that "cause or causes of cancer are still unknown despite seven years of concentrated research."

Millions of dollars have been furnished The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis through the annual March of Dimes, yet the year 1952 was the worst polio year of all time.

Heart ailments continue to cause the greatest number of deaths in the country despite prolonged research.

Tuberculosis remains a killer although we raise millions of dollars each year to combat the disease.

From a statistical standpoint it might seem that our contributions to the March of Dimes, the Cancer Fund, Christmas TB Seals, the Heart Fund, and others is a waste of money.

But statistics do not tell the story. Paradoxically, the very fact that we list an increasing number of victims of these diseases indicates our progress, for many went improperly diagnosed or undiscovered in past years.

Identification Established

Much of the money raised by the Cancer Fund, for instance, has gone into public education. The public is learning to seek early diagnosis. We have made great progress in ability to identify malignant tissue. Consequently we list greater number of cancer cases, but we also are able to save many lives through early diagnosis and treatment.

Great advances have been made in the fight against tuberculosis. Mobile X-ray units have discovered thousands of cases of tuberculosis in the early stages, making it possible to obtain cures, whereas only a few years ago the victim would have been doomed to death.

Infantile paralysis reached a new high last year. Yet many of these cases, particularly in the mild form, probably would have passed unnoticed as late as 10 years ago. We know that many people have polio without suffering any permanent injury. But, because of money supplied by the March of Dimes, we have learned to recognize the disease in its early stages. So we add more names to the statistical column.

Thus, while statistics might indicate a losing battle, we are gaining ground rapidly.

We are steadily increasing our knowledge. The outlook is encouraging.

Only recently, in fact, scientists, aided by funds furnished the National Foundation, discovered that gamma globulin, a blood fraction, brings some degree of temporary immunity against polio. The discovery still is too new to be evaluated. It is not the complete answer. But progress has been made. As our knowledge is increased, we will experience other discoveries and advances. Eventually polio will yield as have smallpox and diphtheria to control of medical science.

Continued Public Help Needed

We were reading in a popular magazine recently a statement by a researcher in the cancer field. It was his contention that some element or combination of elements will provide a chemical means for successfully treating cancer. But to test each and every element and all the various combinations will cost many millions of dollars and require years of systematic labor. The article points out that such research also would turn up many valuable discoveries in other fields.

Funds to conduct research in disease control are obtained principally through public contributions. We have a multitude of campaigns. Perhaps we become tired of being solicited for donations. But when we look back upon what has been accomplished with our aggregate dollars, we have good reason to be encouraged and to be proud that we are doing something for the benefit of all mankind.

"Fewinsake, Brother, Don't Lay Down!"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Since 1947 the State Department has been protecting an alien accused of espionage for the Soviet Union, who has in the past five years in this country promoted Communist Party meetings and, in one instance at least, met with a known Russian agent in New York City.

The alien is Marcell Hiltmann, who hangs around United Nations headquarters in New York, purportedly as a news correspondent. Her home is in Cairo, Egypt, and she holds a Czechoslovakian passport issued to her in 1951.

A demand was made in 1951 that the State Department oust Hiltmannova on the grounds that she is a security risk. Senator Herbert O'Connor of Maryland at that time stated:

"Prior to her admission into the United States, Miss Hiltmannova had been acting in behalf of the Soviet intelligence service. While she was secretary to the Czechoslovakian minister in Egypt in 1945, she carried instructions from Soviet headquarters in Cairo to the Communist hierarchy in Athens. She was in contact with Communist elements in Italy, Egypt, and the Middle East, and very actively collaborated with another Russian intelligence agent. In 1946 she was in close contact with an agent in the United States who was engaged in a conspiracy to purloin our government documents."

Despite O'Connor's airing of the Hiltmannova record, State Department officials have repeatedly extended her visa, although both the immigration service and the visa section of the State Department have urged that she be deported.

In fact, on October 12, 1951, the chief of the division of international administration of the State Department informed the office of consular affairs that the State Department opposed the deportation of Hiltmannova.

A week ago the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee tried again to find out who in the State Department is protecting the woman. All subcommittee members learned from aides of Secretary of State Dean Acheson is that the past year his department had been exchanging letters about the case.

In 1950 the internal security act was approved by Congress and signed by President Truman. It provides for the exclusion from the United States of any alien, irrespective of his status, whose presence in this country would endanger the public security, and for the deportation of any alien, irrespective of his status, whose presence in this country, after arrival, endangers the public security.

Prior to passage of the act the State Department had the authority to ouster immigration service demands for ousting undesirable aliens. It exercised the authority hundreds of times, always on behalf of Communists. And the reason for so doing in each instance was that "the security of the United States should be weighed in the balance against a policy of facilitating our international relations with other nations."

The internal security act wiped this foolishness off the books, but the State Department used it again last week anyway in excusing official lethargy in bailing the Hiltmannova woman out of the country. In so doing they violated the law they are sworn to uphold.

(P.S. Mr. Schmitt is the same Martin Schmitt, U. of O. library, curator of special collections, who authored "Fighting Indians," the collection of photographs I wrote about recently in this column.)

Water passes rapidly through the human stomach without being absorbed.

In the Day's News

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of history's clearest lessons is that war is full of stratagems.

So—
When the enemy makes a move—like, as an able soldier, LOOKS BEHIND THE MOVE to see if a stratagem may be concealed there.

I suppose you've read the Trojan horse. It was an outstanding military stratagem. The story goes something like this:

Away back before history was written, the Greeks were at war with the Trojans. They laid siege to the Trojans' capital city of Troy. The siege went on for 10 years, and the Greeks began to fear they'd never win by force. So they resorted to trickery.

They built an immense wooden horse, and left it out in the open before the gates of Troy. Then, pretending to give up the siege, they got in their ships and sailed away.

The Trojans were deliriously happy. They said peace is here. They opened their gates and went out to look at the wooden horse. They wanted to take it into the town (and maybe mount it on the courthouse lawn as a trophy of victory) but a priest named Laocoon warned of Greek trickery. He threw a spear against the horse's side, and it gave off a hollow sound. His warnings seemed reasonable, and the Trojans were about to destroy the horse.

At that psychological moment, a trembling man who seemed to be a prisoner was dragged before the crowd. He was a Greek named Sinon, and he said the horse had been built by the Greeks as an offering to the goddess Athena. He added that they had MADE IT BIG so the Trojans couldn't take it into their city and use it as a trophy.

That turned the trick. The Trojans said HA! HA! These sap Greeks DON'T KNOW OUR STRENGTH.

So they leveled a section of the walls of their city and pulled the horse through and that night the Greek soldiers who had been packed into the horse's hollow interior unchained a trap door and came out and opened the gates (the Trojans had meanwhile rebuilt the hole in the wall) and the Greeks who had come back in their ships poured in and burned the city of Troy and put its people to the sword.

I imagine like, when he heard Old Joe's crack about wanting peace in the world and maybe we'd all better get together again in friendliness and amity and put an end to this silly war in Korea, harked back in his mind to that incident of the wooden horse and said to himself that these Russians are a tricky lot and we'd better look a little out.

Anyway, I'm glad we now have a man like that at the head of things.

Firemen Free Woman From Gift Egg Beater

SAN FRANCISCO — It took a company of firemen to separate Mrs. Leatrice Paul from her new egg beater Friday night.

Mrs. Paul, 35, was trying out the Christmas present when her index finger got caught in the beater mechanism.

Her husband, police and ambulance stewards failed to free her. Resourceful firemen finally amputated the gadget with steel bolt sheers.

Mrs. Paul suffered a possible fractured finger.

Earlier, the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was entered and a money box was broken into, presumably by the same thieves.

Last month, churches at Tonkwa and Pond Creek in Oklahoma were burned. A 13-year-old girl confessed the crime.

County Crews Working On Winston Roads

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER

County road crews are busy this week repairing summer damages to the Winston section roads.

Appreciation has been expressed by local residents to those anonymous carolers. Keeping their distance, the group has been serenading from door to door with the old and familiar Christmas carols.

Receptive audiences did get a glimpse of their vehicle. Reports indicate that it appeared to be a "chartered bus." And their obvious effort to prove that "good will" still prevails in today's busy world was greatly appreciated, any listener in Winston will tell you.

Mrs. Richard (Sue) Blair underwent an appendectomy Wednesday at the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville. She is reported to be convalescing satisfactorily.

Mrs. H. A. Winston of this community is spending the Christmas holiday at points north with her two daughters and families, Mrs. Chelsea Browne (Beverly Winston) of Eugene and Mrs. James Gray (Virginia Winston) of Corvallis.

Mrs. Winston is a teacher at the Dillard School.

Discharged From Hospital
Mrs. Estes Merritt of Winston was discharged on Friday from the Winston Emergency Hospital and Clinic following minor surgery.

J. Kearby Masters has returned to his position with the Veterans Hospital following several days illness at his Winston home.

William McFall underwent minor surgery at the Winston Emergency hospital and clinic on Saturday.

Miss Sonja Rhodes has arrived here from the Columbia Academy in Battle Ground, Wash., where she is a student, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rhodes.

Mrs. Francis White underwent emergency operation Thursday morning at the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory by her attending physician.

Some Electrical Items In Oregon Stores Ousted

SALEM — Toy record changers were among several score electrical appliances removed from the shelves of Oregon merchants during the last six weeks and ordered not sold to the public, William Volhe, chief electrical inspector for the state Bureau of Labor, reported.

Volhe, whose staff of electricians keeps constant vigil over electrical equipment offered for sale in Oregon, revealed that since November 1, a total of 303 dealers have had their stocks checked for conformance to national safety codes and that 117 defective appliances had been found and condemned.

Among these defective items, electrical stocks throughout the state have for the most part been "very clean" for several seasons, the chief inspector said. He pointed out, however, that although Oregon has high electrical safety standards to which dealers must conform, many electrical items of an inferior nature do drift in from manufacturers who supply states having no safety codes.

Certain areas in Oregon during the recent six weeks inspection showed a high incidence of defective appliances being offered for sale. In Hood River and The Dalles area, 34 items were uncovered, in suburban Portland another 34, in Springfield 19 and in Roseburg 11. In the small eastern Oregon towns of Condon, 11 non-safety code appliances were ordered off store shelves.

Items condemned as dangerous fire hazards included, in addition to the toy record changers, floor and desk lamps, steam and dry irons, toasters, table model radios, a bench grinder, an engine heater, an electric adding machine, table stoves and other cookers. Some of these had substandard sockets or weren't correctly soldered, lacked the manufacturer's name or other safety code marks.

Purchasers Cautioned.
Volhe advised prospective purchasers of electrical goods to look carefully for the mark of the fire underwriters' laboratories before buying. A careful look is often necessary, he said, explaining that in Marion county one of his inspectors discovered a display board carrying the underwriters' laboratories symbol on which half the items displayed were not approved electrical goods.

As an added safety service, Volhe advised that the labor department keeps a complete and extensive file of all electrical equipment manufactured under strict safety codes. These are constantly being changed and added to by testing laboratory reports. Through these files, Oregon dealers keep check on their stock for conformance with Oregon's electrical safety code.

Bandit Steals Kiss In Addition To Cash

CHICAGO — One of the two men who held up a chain food store last night mixed a little romance with robbery.

As cashier Mrs. Anne Lidquist, 37, was scooping out bills and silver for one of the robbers, he gave her a resounding kiss.

"Don't be afraid," he smiled, keeping his gun pointed at her. "I won't hurt you."

"I was petrified with fear," Mrs. Lidquist told Jefferson Park police. She also told her husband-police-man Arnold Lidquist.

The other gunman displayed no romantic gestures as he forced the second cashier to empty the register. They stole \$623.

New Oregon Supreme Justice Takes Oath

SALEM — Circuit Judge William C. Perry of Pendleton was sworn in Friday as a member of the Oregon Supreme Court. The oath was administered in the Supreme Court chamber by Chief Justice James T. Brand.

Perry was appointed to succeed Justice Arthur D. Hay, who died a week ago. Gov. Paul L. Patterson, who appointed Justice Perry, attended the ceremony.

Band Opens CV Yule Program

The Camas Valley School Christmas program last Monday, was opened by the school band, playing "Jingle Bells." Byron Westlake, music instructor, led the band and played the piano for all the songs.

The musical portion of the program included a saxophone duet "White Christmas," by Jim Bartley and Bob McClellan and a trumpet solo, "Oh Holy Night," by George Johnson.

Plays were given by the first, fifth and sixth grades. The first grade play was entitled "Rudolph's Nose Trouble" and pertained to the famous reindeer. The sixth grade stressed safety measures which should be taken to make Christmas trees safe.

The second grade sang "Frosty the Snowman," while Larry Weiss, dressed as Frosty, posed and danced. Teddy Mae Heilman spoke a poem, "What Makes Santa Say," Viola Burt and Joan Mode sang "I Saw Mamma Kissing Santa Claus."

A trumpet solo, "Joy to the World," by Dick Wiegman, brought the program to a close. Cecil Barnett, seventh grade teacher in charge of the program, asked the assembly to sing while Dick and Westlake played.

'Watchtower' Magazine Under Ban In France

PARIS — The French government's official journal said Saturday the "Watchtower," Jehovah's Witnesses' magazine, has been banned from France and all French territories.

A spokesman at the Ministry of Interior said he could give no reason for the ban "but you can easily guess what the reason is." He did not explain further.

In Bern, Switzerland, where the magazine is published, the publishers said they had not heard of the ban in France and knew of no reason why the magazine should be stopped.

You're Insensible More Than Week After Mishap

KIAMATH FALLS — A Yakima, Wash., youth, unconscious in a hospital here for more than 160 hours, remained in a "very critical condition" Friday.

Gary Hansen, 18, suffered a fractured skull and concussion in an auto accident near here last Friday night.

Two of his six companions, all hurt in the accident, remained in a hospital. Tom Murdoch, 18, Kiamath Falls, was improving. His skull also was fractured. Dean Hays, 18, Yakima, is recovering from a broken leg.

Poland's Spy Aid Claim Branded Fake

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP)—U. S. Air Force headquarters here denied Saturday a Polish charge that an American aircraft from Wiesbaden dropped two spies into Poland Nov. 4.

"That story is obviously a fake," an Air Force spokesman said. He added that there was not even a record of a plane from here being in the Baltic area near Poland on that date.

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"Perhaps you have a reader," remarks the state archivist, David Dunaway, "who remembers September 28 or 29th, 1880?" And why is he asking that? Well, he wants to know — and he isn't the only one — what happened to President Hayes from the time he left Jacksonville by special stage on the morning of September 28 until he arrived in Roseburg next day at 4:30 p.m. "We know that he stopped in Canyonville and Myrtle Creek on Sept. 29 and that he arrived in Roseburg at 4:30 p.m. The account of his visit to Roseburg in the Oregonian is very full. We know that the news of his arrival was telegraphed by Myrtle Creek, but otherwise we have no details.

"We are particularly interested in knowing where the party ate and slept the night of September 28. Did they stop at Grave Creek House or Wolf Creek?" Not only does the state archivist want to know but answers you send in about the above are of interest to Hayes Memorial Library of Fremont, Ohio. (Here we go again! Such hunts are fun, and they furnish lots of conversation material to any 'old-timers' who may be listening in.)

Down in Wolf Creek they have a bedroom complete as "General Grant slept" in it. So I guess President Hayes didn't sleep there or they would have another bedroom memorialized for him, wouldn't they? Well, Douglas County will

Present Pension Plan Inadequate, Report Of Assn.

WASHINGTON — "The situation of the present aged is quite unsatisfactory" because of inadequate pensions, the National Planning Association has concluded, although it reported great progress in the last 15 years.

The association, a non-profit, non-political research organization, prepared a report on pensions at the request of the Senate House Economic Committee, which has had it printed as a government document. The committee made the report public Thursday night.

Average pension payments currently are still considerably below the subsistence level, the group said, and it added:

"Benefits are low, on the average considerably below subsistence except for those few, some 350,000, who are drawing pensions under both old age and survivors insurance and private plans."

The report said that payments at current levels probably will be far too low in the future which it pictured as an era of a 600 billion dollar annual income by 1975, with a vast increase on the number of aged persons living on pensions.

The study said that 15 years ago only six million workers were covered by any type of pension or retirement pay plan. It said that now the federal old age and survivors insurance systems blankets 47 million workers, and other government programs cover another 7½ millions.

Fire Destroys Town's Lone Drug, Liquor Store

HALFWAY, Ore. — This Northern Baker County community's only drug store and a state liquor store were destroyed by fire early Friday.

Both were in the same 20 by 80 wooden building.

A. N. Fisher, owner, estimated the drug store loss at \$6,000. The liquor store loss was placed at about \$4,000. Fisher had operated a drug store at the same location for nearly 40 years.

The fire was believed to have started from an overheated stove.

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