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There Are Chinks In Its Armor

Cancer is a greater threat than ever because the population increases and more of us reach the older ages where cancer strikes oftenest. Adding to our consciousness of the disease is better diagnosis, better understanding on the part of the medical profession and a growing alertness on the part of individuals.

These are the views of Dr. John R. Heller, an internationally recognized authority on cancer, expressed during a recent interview for U. S. News & World Report.

Dr. Heller outlined the areas in which treatment of cancer are making the greatest strides. Lower bowel cancers are yielding best to surgery, he said, and cancer of the thyroid now yields very well to surgery and other treatment. In fact, the more common types of cancer—excepting lung cancer—are responding best to treatment.

The chairman of the Cancer Control Commission of the International Union Against Cancer doesn't foresee any immediate cure for lung and stomach cancer in men and breast cancer in women. "I wish I could say (cures would be available) tomorrow or the next day, but I think, while the mortality rate probably will go down—I hope steadily—it won't go down fast," Dr. Heller said.

To help accelerate this downward trend chemical therapy programs are being developed. Some of these drugs "look to be very good," Dr. Heller admits, but people fighting cancer still don't have the ones they would like to have.

A doctor attending the Spokane Cancer Symposium this week described one method of treating cancer by chemical

means. Dr. Alton Ochsner, professor of surgery at Tulane University, described the treatment he has used. A portion of the body is cut off from normal blood circulation. A chemical agent and oxygen are circulated through the temporarily isolated body section in place of blood. The chemical agent kills growing cells including the cancer.

Dr. Ochsner said the chemical treatment has been successful in cancer cases not curable by older methods. He believes the greatest hope for a cancer cure lies in the use of chemical or hormone agents, particularly in cancers which are widespread and cannot be cured by surgical removal or destroyed by radiation.

Physicians attending the symposium were told that evidence is piling up to indicate some cancers produce antibodies in animals. Dr. Warren Cole, president-elect of the American Cancer Society, said he is confident some sort of cancer immunization will be found for animals. "From there," he added, "in many cases it is a short step to vaccine for humans."

These reports provide encouraging testimony that while cancer is by no means licked as a deadly killer there are chinks in its armor. Dr. Heller said that around the turn of the century perhaps only one in 20 cancer patients were saved. The figure was reduced to one in four six or eight years ago. Today medical science is saving one in three and with the tools now available "we should be able to save one out of two patients."

An enlightened public, aware of the danger signs and willing to submit to regular checkups, can help further reduce this ratio.

Still In The Process Of Change

Not since Franklin Roosevelt's has there been a state funeral such as the one last week, intended to show a nation's respect for a man who served his country so extra ordinarily well. Yet at the Dulles funeral service were no eulogies by men in high places, nor even a sermon by a minister.

This might seem a little strange considering Mr. Dulles' position in affairs of the church as well as the government. But that is the way he wanted it, and it is better that way.

Many persons in just ordinary walks of life prefer that their funerals be of this kind, and of course in some churches, including Catholic and Episcopalian, funerals customarily do not include any mention of the deceased except in prayers.

Omission of a eulogy can be construed as complimenting one whose good works are so well known that no mention of them need be made, or, in other cases as an act of kindness toward one whose good works are so scarce that no mention of them could be made.

In any event, we sense a trend in this country toward the simple funeral, going

to the other extreme from the exaggerated expressions of sorrow, including even the hiring of professional mourners, that characterized solemn rites of former times in other countries. It is surprising how many families even want to keep flowers from being sent to a funeral, much to the dismay of the floral trade.

No one would say that human feelings about the departed are any less intense or that sorrow is any less acute. It is just that customs surrounding death are still in a process of change as they have been ever since the first man died.

Barbs

Some people walk to reduce. Others are reduced to walking by the price of new cars.

Peanuts serve as a substitute for meat, but there is no substitute for peanuts at the ball game.

When a person loses interest in putting money into a savings account he loses interest.

DREW PEARSON

Niki Using Albanian Bases For Influence

WASHINGTON.—The fraternal concave of Communist leaders now being held in rough, isolated Albania is, in my opinion, the most significant move made in the cold war of nerves for some time. It's probably as important as the threats on Berlin—though the two go hand-in-hand.

What it means is that Nikita Khrushchev is ready to parcel out his large store of intermediate range ballistic missiles to the satellite countries, including Red China, if we set up NATO missile bases in western Europe.

Khrushchev is spending 12 days in Albania, which under most circumstances would be a very boring visit. I have walked or ridden horseback over much of Northern Albania, also lived on the Montenegrin-Albanian border for almost two years. How a man as busy and restless as Khrushchev could keep occupied there for 12 days is hard to understand. This is real self-sacrifice. Albania is about the size of Delaware, has only three or four movie theatres, no golf courses, and Khrushchev could visit every corner of the country in a week.

Eisenhower spent one day and a half cementing relations with our most important southern neighbor at the luxury play-ground of Acapulco where there is plenty of fascinating diversion. Khrushchev is spending 12 days in a country with few toilet facilities, very little electricity, where the only diversions are coffee, conversation, and trigger-happy tribal warfare.

Can Back Up Bluff. His reason may well be bluff. However, Khrushchev has the power to carry out his bluff. He has approximately 750 IRBM's able to fire 700 to 1,300 miles. In contrast we have about 48.

That means that the missile bases we are establishing in Italy and England can fire only about 20 missiles each. After that, they're out of ammunition. In contrast, Khrushchev can take Russia's 750 IRBM's and parcel them out rather generously between Albania, East Germany, Bulgaria and China, so that each will have considerably more missiles than we can supply Italy and England.

This alarming possibility is one of the factors which prompted Jack Anderson's and my book, "USA—Second-class Power?" It's also one reason why the present Army-Air Force row over missiles is so disturbing. We still don't know the type of missile we want to build.

Meanwhile, every single report in the Pentagon, without exception, shows that Russia is well ahead of us in missiles, and has the capacity to stay ahead. Secretary of Defense McElroy admitted this when he told the senators that the United States had no plans for catching up with Russia in the race for intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Trigger-Happy Albanians. Albania is a natural fortress. Its high mountains protect it from its neighbors, Yugoslavia

and Greece, on three sides. This is one reason its people still speak an original language, uncontaminated by either the Slavs or the Romans.

Albanians are of three religious faiths, Mohammedan, Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox—and in the old days were torn by bitter differences. There were also tribal differences. You could travel through some parts of Albania safely only by swearing blood brotherhood or "Besa" with the local tribal chieftain. Then if anyone molested you, he killed them. And you had to do the same for him—if the occasion demanded.

I once picked up a wounded Albanian in a field where he had been plowing. He had been shot through the leg, arm, and ribs in a feudal gun duel. The American doctor to whom I drove him had to cut off his arm. He refused to take an anesthetic.

Is Khrushchev Bluffing? American diplomats have believed that Khrushchev in the past has not been anxious to distribute Russian missiles among the satellites. Some of the satellites, among them the Albanians, are inclined to be trigger-happy. Other Russian partners, especially the Red Chinese, have been nudging Moscow for power, and missiles in their hands would increase their power. Moscow wants to remain supreme.

American intelligence also indicates that the Kremlin has been genuinely worried over what might happen if atomic weapons got into the hands of too many governments.

However, the Chinese Defense Minister, Marshal Peng Teh-huai, is now in Albania conferring with Khrushchev. It has the earmarks of a bluff, but Khrushchev has the power to carry out his bluff if Gromyko doesn't get his way at Geneva.

Note—Missiles based in Albania would not be aimed at near-by Greece and Italy, which are too close, but at U. S. bases in Spain and North Africa. At Tripoli, North Africa, the U. S. Air Force has the biggest base in the world outside Dayton, Ohio. One missile could put it out of business.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

GALVESTON, Tex. — A John Sealy Hospital bulletin on the mental disturbance of Louisiana Gov. Earl K. Long, who was committed to the institution by his family: "Acute disturbances of this general nature are not uncommon and ordinarily a favorable outcome can be expected."

WASHINGTON — Teamsters President James R. Hoffa, on what his union would do if Congress passed a labor reform bill this year: "The Teamsters would comply with any law passed by Congress, reserving the right to work within the framework of that law to their best advantage."

WASHINGTON — The State Department, accusing the International Olympic Committee of bowing to Communist pressure in ousting Nationalist China from membership and opening the door for admission of Red China: "This is a political and discriminatory attitude, which has no place in the world of sports."

WASHINGTON — Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) on an administration-backed move—defeated in the Senate—to slash 150-million dollars from 1960 soil conservation payments: "I'm willing to balance the budget by taking it (money for the conservation subsidies) out of foreign aid. If I have to choose, I'll vote for the United States."

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RETIREES AFTER 37 YEARS—Otto A. Schuck, right, is being presented with a gift on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years and one month of service with the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station at Union. Presenting the gift on behalf of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station is Dr. J. A. B. McArthur, superintendent of the station.

Schuck Retires From Service After 37 Years

On April 30, 1959, Otto A. Schuck retired from service with the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station, Union, Oregon. Schuck started work at the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station on April 3, 1922. He has worked continuously for 37 years and one month at the Union Station.

During this period Schuck has seen many changes in the research programs and facilities at the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station. Over the years he has also worked with many employees and under several superintendents.

Schuck was employed in 1922, as the dairy herdsman. Later he was the swine herdsman, sheep feeder and irrigator. He has been an untiring, versatile and conscientious employee. Schuck states the most striking change at the Experiment Station during his time of employment was the change over from horse-powered machinery to tractors, combines and hay balers.

Fellow employees of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station presented Schuck on retirement with an automatic fly-reel. Since Schuck is an ardent fisherman, it is hoped in retirement he will find more time to pursue his favorite pastime.

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Thinning Done In Area Forests

Thinning of 600 acres of young Ponderosa Pine in the La Grande District of the U. S. Forest Service has been carried out during the past winter, according to a Forest Service announcement. The project insures better trees for future sawtimber growth.

Some 400 trees in each acre, judged to be the best in the area, were marked by foresters with yellow plastic strips, and thinning crews cut out the remaining stems. Selection is made on the basis of size, vigor and spacing.

An area of too many trees is a poor producer, the Forest Service says, because the size-growth of individual stems is too slow. Natural thinning results in great loss through an increase of too small timber. Removing the poorest

trees leaves soil moisture for better stems.

According to the Forest Service announcement, the increased use of the thinning practice has been made possible with the development of adequate power equipment.

PROPOSES CANCER "CRASH"

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Steven V. Carter (D-Iowa) has proposed a 500 million dollar "crash program" to find the causes and cures of cancer, heart disease and other ailments. Carter, who has been treated for cancer himself, said an estimated 26 million persons now living in this country will die of that disease alone "if we do not push back the barriers of the unknown."

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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
Muscular Dystrophy is a paralysis resulting from disturbances of the nerves allowing an infiltration of fatty tissue in the muscles which in advanced cases may bring about total paralysis. Paralysis begins in the legs, gradually spreads upward unless arrestment can be obtained.

MUSCULAR ATROPHY
Muscular Atrophy results from the paralysis in the front part of the spinal cord and usually begins with atrophy or wasting of the small muscles of the hands. Later it may extend to other muscles.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
Multiple Sclerosis results from impairment of the spinal nerves, spinal cord and the brain. It is brought about by many causes. The predominant one being injury to and pressure on spinal nerves and spinal cord, resulting in circulatory and nutritional disturbances. The age onset varies from twenty to forty years and the instance is higher in women than men. It is estimated there are approximately 250,000 cases in the United States.

CEREBRAL PALSY
The name Cerebral Palsy means brain paralysis. It is no respecter of sex and most cases originate prenatally, during birth or from three to six months after birth. There are varying degrees of this condition.

Although some cases experience certain degrees of flaccid paralysis, most victims of Cerebral Palsy are spastic. The spasticity is sometimes local but more often affects the voluntary muscles of the entire body. Many cases have varying degrees of epileptoid convulsions. The minds of some are affected while others have near normal mentality. There are seldom two cases alike or affected to the same degree. Injury appears to be the most predominant cause of Cerebral Palsy. Many of the cases are associated with skull distortion of one type or another, causing pressure on the brain. Through our research, we have developed new types of treatment for such condition.

POLIO MYELITIS
Paralysis resulting from Poliomyelitis affects the front part of the spinal cord in the spinal type of paralysis and the base of the brain in the cerebral type.

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a rapidly progressive paralysis resulting from involvement of the brain stem located at the base of the skull. There are many causes for this condition, neck injuries among which play an important role. Early symptoms of these conditions are paralysis of the hands and arms. As the disease advances, leg muscles, swallowing and breathing become affected.

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