

Smoking Blamed For Smaller Babies

WASHINGTON (AP)—A government researcher said Thursday a recent study shows that women who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to have smaller babies whose health is impaired.

Dr. Richard Masland, head of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee about the results. He was supporting his agency's request for \$71,208,000 in appropriations for the year starting July 1.

He concluded that some persons have questioned whether smoking was the cause, but said the study shows that "the woman who smokes is more likely to have a small baby to the extent that the health of the baby be impaired."

He said a study of 7,500 pregnancies this year—part of a long term study of 50,000 expectant mothers and their babies—"has linked prematurity to smoking during pregnancy. Prematurity, which has long been recognized as an important factor in prenatal problems, is usually defined in terms of birth weight.

"In this study, birth weight decreased proportionally to the number of cigarettes smoked daily during pregnancy."

Sen. Lister Hill, D-Ala., chairman of the subcommittee, asked for further details, which led Masland into a discussion of challenges to the finding.

"Some raise the question that it is not the smoking which causes the trouble but the type of woman involved," Masland said. "The only way to answer this is to get some women who smoke to stop smoking and cooperate in a study.

"We would take a group of pregnant women, half of them having quit smoking, and follow through in a detailed study."

Lumbermen Set Meeting

What may be the largest group of lumbermen ever to gather on the West Coast will meet in Portland April 19 at the Multnomah Hotel to consider a lumber grade simplification and standardization program.

H. V. Simpson, manager of the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau, said Thursday he expects between 400 and 500 lumber manufacturers present. They will come from the Douglas fir producing regions of Oregon, Washington and California.

The proposition, which has been studied by a committee which includes N. B. Giustina of Eugene, is to change several grade names, consolidate several grades, attach a new grade to some materials being used for new products.

Simpson said the aim is to take confusion out of lumber marketing and promotion in order to compete more successfully with other building materials.

Danes to Cut Cigarette Ads

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Leaders of the Danish tobacco industry have agreed to cut down advertising of cigarettes because of recent medical reports attributing the increase of lung cancer to cigarette smoking, informed sources said.

The industry leaders reportedly agreed at a meeting with Interior Minister Lars P. Jensen to eliminate all cigarette advertising in movie houses and in weekly papers popular with teen-agers. Advertising in daily newspapers will continue as before.

UO to Offer Special Talks

A spring term lecture series on "Political Change" will be inaugurated by the University of Oregon's department of political science next Tuesday.

The series, to be opened by a specialist on international relations, will include four lectures to be given through May 28.

Ernst Hass, associate professor of political science at the University of California at Berkeley, will give the April 17 lecture on the international implications of political change.

On May 15 the lecturer will be Daniel Lerner of Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the subject of the Middle East and political change.

James Coleman of the University of California at Los Angeles will speak on Africa and political change for the May 24th lecture.

Concluding the series on May 28 will be a discussion of the USSR and political change by Myron Bush of the Rand Corporation.

Lectures will be held at 3:30 p.m. in 138 Commonwealth on the dates scheduled. The meetings are open to interested persons.

Council Rejects Fluoride Petition

MILWAUKIE (AP)—The Junior Chamber of Commerce said Friday it will attempt to get the City Council to reconsider a jaycee petition for a vote on fluoridation of the city's water.

The council decided not to consider the petition after City Atty. John Sheldahl said it was illegal.

Sheldahl said the petition was worded as a series of arguments—not as an ordinance. It also called on the program to be regulated by the state Board of Health. Sheldahl said the law requires regulation by the city.

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