

Young Boy's Death Spurs Search for Leukemia Cure

Rochester, N.Y.—(U.P.)—An all-out fight against fatal leukemia and other mysteries of the blood—triggered by the death of a teen-age boy—is gaining force here under the leadership of three public-spirited men.

While the research and training program is aimed directly at finding the cause and cure of blood cancer, it is expected also to throw some light on the government's probe of the effects of atomic radiation.

The three spearheading the attack—Hyman J. Mandell, Harold S. Rand and J. Mallory Loos—currently incorporating the country's first National Leukemia Foundation. Funds raised by the foundation will be granted to medical centers for unrestricted research of blood abnormalities.

The impetus for this fight traces back four years to the leukemia death of Mandell's nephew, David S. Smalline. Mandell went to Dr. Lawrence E. Young, associate professor of medicine and director of the University of Rochester's blood research. Mandell asked why David died.

Leukemia, the doctor explained, is a malignant disease of the white blood cells which causes widespread disturbance in the blood and blood-forming tissues of the body. At present, the disease causes more than 12,000 deaths in the United States each year and its incidence is increasing about 10 per cent annually. It is the leading cause of death in children between two and five years of age.

Mandell, an energetic and bustling pharmacist, recruited Rand and Loos to help him organize a local drive for research funds. Then he urged his international pharmaceutical fraternity, Rho Pi Phi, to adopt the leukemia fight as its public service project.

The drive raised \$27,000 in a one-night canvass and was sufficiently encouraging for the trio to aim at an annual nation-wide campaign. With the help of Rho Pi Phi's 8,000 members in 40 U.S. and Canadian cities the men plan similar canvasses across the continent.

The first \$15,000 grant went to the University of Rochester, and the rest of the money into a general fund to be administered by a board of directors with headquarters in the Commerce Building here. A medical advisory board, composed of Dr. Young and medical leaders from various universities, will pass on all research grants.

Scientists receiving such grants will have complete freedom and flexibility in their research. They will not be confined to one path, as is the case in most research grants.

Dr. Young believes the program, with its wide scope, will shed light on investigations of other diseases as well as leukemia. He pointed, also, that answers discovered through the program will be shared with government scientists working on radiation.

In this respect, Dr. Young pointed out that the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombs were found to have an abnormally high incidence of leukemia.

Television by wire and radio was demonstrated by the Bell Telephone laboratories, April 7, 1927.

News of Release Of Fliers Greeted As 'Wonderful'

Swea City, Ia.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Harold Fischer said today the news of her son's release from captivity in Communist China is "the most wonderful news we've ever received."

The mother of Capt. Harold Fischer added "We've waited a long time for this."

When informed by the United Press of her son's release, her first reaction was to ask precisely when it happened.

Her next impulse was to plan when she will see her son again. "As soon as we find out when he'll be on the West Coast we're going to the coast," she said.

Mrs. Fischer said her last word from her son was that he had been transferred from a prison in Manchuria to Peiping.

Omaha, Neb.—(U.P.)—The mother of Lt. Roland Parks could only repeat "it's wonderful . . . it's wonderful" when informed today that her son had been released from Red Chinese captivity.

"It really is wonderful . . . it sure is wonderful," she said.

Mrs. Parks said she and her husband had as yet received no official word on the release. They won't make plans on journeying to the Pacific Coast to greet their son until they do, she said.

Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—Roland Cameron, father of Lt. Lyle Cameron, said today "we have a deep feeling of gratefulness" when told his son had been released by the Chinese Communists. "It's a wonderful thing when you have waited so long," he added.

Cameron, who had sat up answering telephone calls all night, said "We felt all along our son would be released."

Court of Appeals Chief Justice Dies of Cancer

Washington.—(U.P.)—Judge Harold M. Stephens, Chief Justice of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals here since 1948, died Friday of cancer. He was 69.

Stephens, who began his legal career in Salt Lake City in 1912, had been ailing since February. Cause of his death was given as cancer of the liver.

Stephens died in his apartment at the Sheraton Park hotel here. He is survived by his wife, the former Virginia A. Bush, of Salt Lake City, whom he married in 1912.

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The Tugboat Sermon . . .

(Note: This week a vacation column is supplied by Dr. Cyrus E. (Cy) Albertson, First Methodist Church, Seattle. His topic is tugboats—craft which, more often than not, are built from timbers of Douglas fir.—J.S.)

My church is but six blocks from the tide waters of the Pacific as they ebb and flow in Puget Sound. The whistles of the tugboats can be heard and you can look out of the windows of our parish house and see them as they plow the waters.

They move barges and rafts that have no power of their own. I looked down our hillside street the other day and saw a tugboat moving a freight train that had been loaded on two barges. As the tides run, so these tugboats bring great barges loaded with sand, gravel and other useful things from one place to another.

Rafts of logs—often enough unsawed lumber behind one tugboat to build all the houses in a small town. Without tugboats, these various craft and tows would be without power, drifting and subject to the whims of tides, winds and waves. None would ever reach port without the tugboats.

These tugboats show signs of hard use and are built for strength and not for beauty. Nobody ever buys a tugboat for a pleasure craft. Tugboats are squat and often need paint. But God uses them to teach us some of the greatest truths he seeks to reveal to us.

Good Works . . .

When great seagoing ships come into our harbors, the tugboats come and bring them to the docks. The ships have plenty of power to drive them across the seas, to bring them through storms and to carry heavy cargo—but the ships cannot come into the dock where they will be tied and unloaded without the help of the tugs.

The other day I saw several tugboats bringing to dock a transport, loaded with men coming home from overseas. My mind went back to the morning when I returned from the wars and how we were met by tugboats that brought us into New York harbor on the longest-for-day when we were home again.

Tugboats go to the rescue of ships in trouble. During winter days, when storms are frequent on the high seas, hardly a week passes without calls for help from ships in distress. "Ship aground," or "Engine trouble," or some other call of trouble starts the tugboats hurrying to the area where the ship needs help.

Many a ship and many a crew have been saved from death and loss in the sea because a tugboat came at the right time.

Every week I talk with folk who have found someone who has come into their lives at the right time. They tell of some man or woman who "just happened to come along when I needed someone the most." Nothing like this "just happens."

God uses people for his tugboats . . . Most folk have to live rather quiet, inconspicuous lives. Some feel that they are not necessary because they haven't the apparent importance of others. They feel that they cannot be like sleek, handsome ocean liners—and maybe not even like the big cargo ships that carry treasures across the seas.

But they—we—and all be like the tugboats. It is true that they do not make such an impression as do the larger ships but they are so necessary that without the tugboats, many of the larger ships would be helpless.

You can be one of God's tugboats, if you want to be one. There are some lives that only you can help, some who are without power themselves, some who cannot quite make port to start over again, unless you help them. And there are some whose lives are in real danger of breaking apart without the help that you or another can give.

Then God sends you or the other "tugboat" along.

Mate Faces Quiz In Death of Wife

Vale, Ore.—(U.P.)—California authorities planned to question Rodney G. Sheran, 35-year-old contractor, today about the slaying of his attractive wife, Esme, last Wednesday.

Marin County Dist. Atty. William O. Weissich and two deputies arrived here last yesterday to return Sheran to San Rafael, Calif., where a murder charge has been lodged against him.

Sheran was taken in custody Saturday night, driving a red pickup truck. He signed a waiver of extradition.

Sheriff John Elfring of Malheur county said Sheran would not admit that he beat his 41-year-old wife to death near the base of Mount Tamalpais with a heavy rock.

"All he says is, 'I don't remember,'" Elfring said. "He shows no remorse over his wife's death."

He said Sheran would not tell where he had been since his wife was slain. The sheriff assumed he had been to Idaho, the state of his birth. Malheur county is on the Oregon-Idaho border.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Snow Slide Covers Cars in Chinook Pass

Seattle.—(U.P.)—The Chinook Pass Highway was open for holiday traffic today after road crews cleared away slides which poured snow down on four automobiles Saturday.

The occupants of one of the cars hit by Saturday's slide, Mrs. Erine Berghoff, 36, Yakima, and her daughter, Gloria, 12, were treated for cuts and bruises at Yakima after the snow smashed their windshield.

Crews managed to dig the partly-buried cars free after four hours of work according to district highway engineer D. D. Forgey. The pass has been opened for Memorial Day week end traffic just a few hours after the big slide occurred. The cars were struck as they waited in line for an earlier slide to be cleared away.

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Red Cross Sends Food Gifts to Yanks in China

Hong Kong.—(U.P.)—The Red Cross today handed to Red Chinese officials food packages for 44 Americans held captive by the Chinese Communists.

The Reds agreed to accept one food package for each of the 29 American civilians and 15 U.S. airmen being held. The packages were delivered by American Red Cross officials Harry Lambly, of Westroves, Mo., and Richard Tomlin, of Santa Fe, N.M.

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