

Cigarette Smoking Said To Have Some Role in Weight Reduction

BY DELOS SMITH
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New York.—(AP)—Whatever dread damage cigarette smoking

does to lungs and hearts, it plays some role in keeping down the weight of aging men, according to a scientific study into the

"why" of a well-known phenomenon—many men who give up smoking immediately start to gain weight.

Drs. Ancel Keys and Josef Brozek of the University of Minnesota couldn't explain what this role could be, unless—as some scientific evidence has indicated—"hunger contractions" of the stomach and so "tends to depress the felt need for food."

Because steady weight gains with the stopping of smoking has been observed by so many men, the scientists set out to find out if the two were actually connected or if the many men had been deceived by a lot of identical coincidences.

Long Study
They had material for the study easily at hand, in a long-term study of the "aging" of 300 "normal" business and professional men which the university has been conducting since 1947.

This "aging" study involved regular yearly physical examinations and has accumulated a mass of diverse, detailed records. Keys and Brozek took the weight records of the men who had given up smoking quite on their own "without a doctor having ordered them to," (for health reasons) for two years before they gave it up, and for two years afterward.

Then they took the weight records of the same number of men who hadn't given up smoking—men who were "matched" precisely as to age, occupation, duration of smoking, etc. These men were the "controls" and the histories of the weight gains and losses and weight maintenance of the "subjects" were compared with theirs.

Accepted Techniques
The comparative analyzing

Mao Breaks Stalin Line in Red China

Tokyo.—(AP)—Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung, in a complete break with the hard-fisted line of Josef Stalin, has called for a new soft line of "persuasion" to end resistance to the Communist regime in China.

The new Communist ideology, outlined by Mao in a secret speech Feb. 27, was broadcast today by Peiping Radio. The 17,000-word speech said many conflicts still exist in Red China between the masses and the Communist dictatorship.

The speech admitted for the first time that the Hungarian uprising had created widespread unrest in Red China and it raised the possibility that it may have been a major factor in the new reform wave launched by Mao.

was done by statistical techniques, with cross-checks to assure a high degree of statistical accuracy—techniques which are universally accepted in science. The results of this analyzing were rather startling.

"Year 3" was the year in which the subjects stopped smoking, and "Years 1 and 2" were the two years immediately before, and "Years 4 and 5," the years immediately after. Through "Years 1 and 2" there was no difference, statistically between the "subjects" and the "controls."

But through "Years 4 and 5" there was a decidedly significant difference, again statistically. The net over-all difference, in fact, was 9.3 pounds. The scientists emphasized that all the men were "essentially normal" under close periodic medical supervision and so under pressure to keep their weights within normal limits.

Wall Street Looking To 1958 As Big Year Of Detroit Auto Race

BY ELMER G. WALZER
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New York.—(AP)—Wall Street is looking to 1958 as the year of the big Detroit auto race.

The firm of Arthur Wiesenberger & Co., devotes a large portion of its current investment report to this phase of industry. Many other brokerage firms have been studying the auto situation trying to fathom what has made the auto shares hold in a narrow range.

The Wiesenberger study says the prices are right—General Motors selling where it does around 14 times earnings implies "expectations of an improvement to perhaps \$4.75 a share next year from the 1957 indicated net of \$3."

Ford, selling at 10 times earnings "would seem to reflect expectation of steady or even gently rising earnings in 1958."

Sizeable Downturn
Chrysler at less than six times indicated earnings for 1957 suggests "the market is already discounting a sizeable downturn in income for next year."

The Wiesenberger letter looks for General Motors to turn out a completely restyled line of cars, particularly the Chevrolet. Ford will turn out its Edsel.

The mere fact that GM and Ford have new models does not mean, however, that "the public will buy them," says the firm. "Car buyers may not prefer GM's and Ford's new lines, and in this case Chrysler could benefit handsomely."

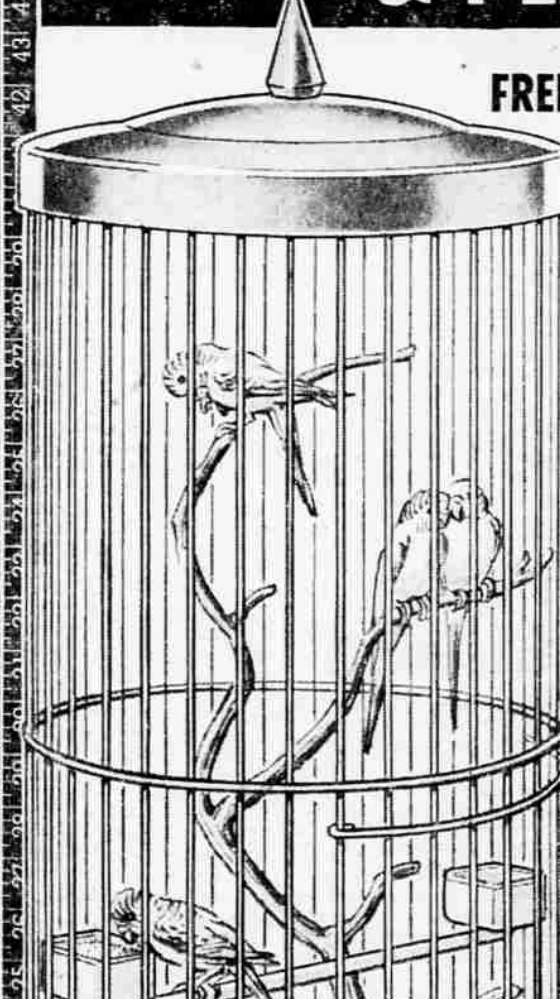
Speaking of Chrysler, the firm notes that this company has the following to do well in its second model year against stiffer competition.

Merely Coincidence
However, it notes that Chrysler failed to do so in 1953 and 1955, and adds that some argue that Chrysler's 1957 gain in its share of the market is merely the coincidence of a typically good Chrysler first year and a withdrawal from the auto market by patient GM customers to await their favorite's model change.

"The test will come this fall," Wiesenberger says. "Total industry volume prospects will be improved by loan repayment on the 1955 models, but, by the same token credit conditions are much tighter than in 1955 so that it is difficult to foresee more than a moderate gain in overall sales."

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