

### Heart Specialists Say Ike Will Live Longer If Working

San Francisco — Four noted heart specialists believe President Eisenhower will live longer if he goes back to work rather than stay in bed.

The doctors held an unusual press conference Wednesday to discuss the President's illness. The conference was sponsored by the California Heart association.

"The idea that a stroke brings an end to a man's career is medically and socially unsound," said Dr. Vernon C. Harp, president of the San Francisco Heart association.

Dr. Gregory Bard, director of rehabilitation at University of California Medical Center, said doctors nowadays try to get a patient who has suffered a stroke "out of bed, back on his feet, doing everything he is capable of doing."

**Old-Fashioned Treatment**  
"The old-fashioned treatment of severely restricting a man's life, of making a permanent invalid out of him, is gone," Bard said.

Dr. Hilliard J. Katz, a past president of the heart association, pointed to the example of Winston Churchill, who suffered "massive stroke" in 1953, when he was 78.

"He had a serious stroke, one which impaired his speech and paralyzed his arm and his leg," Katz said. "His political opponents and even many of his friends and supporters counted him out then and there."

"What a mistake! The old man is still functioning well." Churchill will be 83 on Saturday.

Dr. Walter Treanor, chief of physical medicine at St. Mary's hospital, said "All of us have patients who are doing well in many fields after having suffered strokes, some of them more serious than the President's."

The four doctors said the White House has been "unusually candid" in its statements about the President's attack, more so than private physicians or individuals would have been under similar circumstances.

First steps to establish a system of federal civil service were undertaken in 1872 during the administration of President Ulysses S. Grant.

## 'Country Roads' of Brain May Help Speed President's Recovery

By LOUIS CASSELS  
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Washington — A noted neurologist said today the "country roads" of the brain will help speed President Eisenhower's recovery from his slight stroke.

These "country roads," the medical specialist explained in an interview are the myriad tiny blood vessels which interconnect the arteries of the brain.

When an artery is blocked by a clot or nerve spasm its traffic of life-giving blood may be detoured through the smaller vessels. Doctors call the process anastomosis.

The neurologist declined use of his name because of medical ethics. He emphasized he had not personally examined the President but based his observations on official medical bulletins issued by the attending physicians and known medical facts.

He said brain cells in the area normally supplied by a blocked artery can get along with a reduced supply of blood for some time without necessarily suffering any permanent damage.

As long as the artery remains closed the substitute blood supply brought in by anastomosis may be insufficient for the affected brain area to perform perfectly its accustomed function—for example, control of speaking. But when relaxation of the spasm or dissolving of the clot permits circulation to resume through the artery the deprived cells frequently recover their full vigor.

**But, Not Always**  
Not always. The larger the blocked artery and the longer it remains closed the greater the danger some brain cells will die or be permanently injured by lack of blood-nourishment. That is why some stroke victims are left with lasting paralysis, speech disability or other handicaps.

In the President's case the blocked artery was a comparatively small one on the left side of the brain. White House doctors believe the occlusion may have been caused by a nerve spasm rather than a clot.

A spasm is something like a

cramp in a leg muscle. It may relax moments after it constricts the blood vessel or take a bit longer. In any event circulation is usually restored much more quickly after a spasm than when the block results from a clot.

### Antibiotic Study Will Be Conducted In Vet Hospitals

A study to determine to what extent antibiotic drugs are losing their effectiveness against certain infections has been announced by S. T. Brannock, in charge of the Medford Veterans administration office stated today.

Six VA hospitals located in Atlanta, Ga., Batavia, N. Y., Brooklyn, Manchester, N. H., Minneapolis, Minn., and Washington, D. C., and the Dominion of Canada Department of Veterans Affairs are cooperating in the project.

The study is part of a new VA program for research in surgery. Brannock said it has been widely observed in many parts of the world an increasing number of microbes are developing resistance to antibiotics, such as penicillin, so the drugs are no longer useful against infections which the germs cause.

The VA study will begin with one of the most important groups of these antibiotic-resistant microbes, the staphylococci, some of which cause infections in wounds and following surgery.

Since staphylococci are commonly present in the air, on objects in everyday use, and on the skin of humans, antibiotic-resistant staphylococcal infections could become a serious problem in all hospitals, Brannock said.

The VA study will try to determine the magnitude of the problem in its own hospitals by a careful survey of all staphylococcal infections in the co-operating hospitals, and reasons the drugs may prove to be ineffective.

VA plans to extend the study and its findings to other groups of microbes which become an increasingly serious problem as they develop drug resistance, Brannock said.

### Foreign Students Join Friendship Family Program

Corvallis — A record 209 foreign students from 37 other countries are enrolled this year at Oregon State college and "friendship families" have been arranged in Corvallis for new foreign students to give them greater opportunity to become acquainted with American life.

Nearly half of the students come from Asian countries and more than half are registered in the graduate school. Many are studying scholarships and other special grants. Twenty-four are women.

World wide emphasis on the technical fields is reflected in the major fields of study. Dr. Clara L. Simerville, foreign student counselor, noted. Sixty-six of the foreign students are in the school of engineering, 52 in science, and 40 in agriculture.

Thirty students are from China; 22 from India; 20 from Thailand; 14 from Korea; 7 from Australia; and 6 from Japan, Turkey, Iraq and Philippines.

The "friendship family" plan was initiated this year to further international understanding and to give the foreign students a "home away from home." The families invite the students into their homes from time to time during the year and help them join in community as well as campus activities.

### Money Donated To Private Colleges

Household Finance corporation of Medford is taking part in a program which will distribute gifts totaling \$55,000 to privately supported liberal arts colleges and universities, according to R. C. Speer, manager of the local office at 128 East Main street.

He said checks have been issued to 343 four-year schools in 32 states. The gifts run from \$50 to \$1,000, depending upon full-time enrollment, he said.

Another part of the corporation's program is to provide grants for research in the consumer credit field. Three fellowships were authorized for this coming year, he said. One will be for work leading toward a doctor's degree and the other two for research by professors' he added.

### Poison Oak Hits BLM Area Staff

John Mannelly, administrative assistant and safety director of the Medford office of the Bureau of Land Management, said Wednesday that the only injury suffered by members of the Medford area office in the past year was from poison oak.

He said the current safety program has been in operation about one year. It includes vehicle and equipment checks in addition to a publicity campaign, he said. He added that poison oak is a common ill while working in the woods and cannot be classed with injuries.

Mannelly said BLM safety director Gordon Joslyn from Washington D. C. inspected the safety program of the local office and "gave it a clean bill of health." Joslyn reviewed the program during the early part of the week.

Chicago — An exclusive key club announced Wednesday it will become a bit more exclusive. The club is having its settee covered with 175 prize mink pelts.

### Princess Grace May Ask Queen Elizabeth to Lunch

London — Princess Grace of Monaco may ask Queen Elizabeth II to lunch. But the problem bothering the former movie star is whether the Queen would refuse if she did.

Authorities on protocol said it was almost certain the Queen would refuse since her social calendar is usually booked solid for months in advance.

Princess Grace arrived here Tuesday with her husband, Rainier of Monaco, and the Queen expected to invite them both to lunch at Buckingham Palace Wednesday.

It brought together for the first time the royal head of the British Commonwealth and the royal first lady of the postage stamp principality. But it was more than just a lunch.

Now Accepted  
It indicated to the world that Hollywood's celluloid princess, daughter of a former bricklayer, was now accepted by Europe's most exclusive circles.

The Monegasque couple was reported put out at the time of

their wedding because the British royal family was represented only by the consul from Nice. They had expected someone more like Princess Margaret.

The situation was changed by Wednesday's lunch, but now Grace has a problem of protocol.

She is on a private, unofficial visit to Britain and has been invited to lunch. Should she return the compliment? Sources close to Buckingham Palace said she should not because it was very unlikely the Queen would accept.

These sources indicated Grace will be advised by Buckingham Palace protocol officials not to tender an invitation, for formal invitations to the sovereign are never made until it is sure the Queen will accept.

The number of farms in the U.S. decreased from 6,800,000 in 1935 to only about 5,380,000 in the 1950 census.

More than one-half the area of Dismal swamp lies in North Carolina.

### Portland Local Names Officers in Election

Portland — All officers of Portland Teamsters Local No. 255 who had been appointed by the international union were elected in what was described today as the local's first "free" election in six years.

The union is a local of auto and service station employees and was removed from trusteeship of the international union recently along with Portland Teamsters Local No. 81 of line, local pickup and delivery drivers.

Retained in office were Larry Vance, president; Tom Malloy,

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