

They'll Do It Every Time

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No Statistical Connection Held Between Smoking, Peptic Ulcer

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New York—A medical statistician who had a prominent part in building a statistical connection between cigarette smoking and cancer, now concedes that smoking is neither an important nor a direct cause of peptic ulcer.



Dr. Richard Doll proceeded statistically with peptic ulcer much as he had with lung cancer. That is, there were statistical comparisons of the smoking habits of persons with the disease against the smoking habits of persons who didn't have it.

But as regards peptic ulcer, these comparisons "may be interpreted in several ways," Doll said. One way is that the egg came before the chicken—"The presence of an ulcer stimulated the desire to smoke," since some ulcer patients report their symptoms are relieved by a cigarette. Predisposition involved.

Another way is that psychologically a given person is predisposed both for peptic ulcer formation and cigarette smoking. The third possibility, he continued, is that smoking directly contributes to "the production or maintenance of some of the ulcers."

Weed May Assist Leukemia Battle

London, Ont. — Canadian medical scientists have discovered a compound which they believe may help fight leukemia and cancer growths, it was reported.

The compound is extracted from a weed, the wild periwinkle, which grows abundantly in Jamaica.

Dr. Robert L. Noble, of the University of Western Ontario and an associate, J. H. Cutts, will present the findings of their research at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research in Philadelphia tomorrow.

Research on the weed was started nine years ago by the Western University scientists after Noble heard that natives in Jamaica brewed a tea from the periwinkle as a treatment for diabetes.

A factor in the weed was found to reduce the white blood cell count in rats, and since leukemia, a deadly cancer of the blood, causes white blood cells to multiply uncontrollably, the scientists tried to alienate the mysterious factor for use as a possible weapon against the disease.

French Miners Off Jobs for More Pay

Paris, April 12 — Approximately 250,000 French miners walked off their jobs Saturday in a 24-hour warning to premier Felix Gaillard's Government that they will stage a full-scale strike unless their wage demands are met.

Reports from all over France indicated that today's one-day strike call was obeyed by about 90 per cent of France's state-employed coal, iron, slate and potassium miners.

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Importance of Technology Stressed by Ford Foundation

Pasadena, Calif. — H. Rowan Gaither Jr., chairman of the trustee for the Ford foundation who was instrumental in preparation of the Gaither report, says "the American people and their representatives in government must understand" the importance of science and technology to the nation's future. He outlined the need for government financing to make possible important research for "our nation's needs."

Gaither addressed 1200 persons attending the 21st annual alumni seminar at California Institute of Technology. He told his audience that "American science and technology which once our people thought to be unquestionably unsurpassed, has not yet attained the strength and viability necessary to guarantee our welfare and survival in a prolonged period of international crisis."

Gaither, who headed a committee which drew up a report that stirred considerable controversy regarding the nation's preparedness said there was evidence "that whatever awareness has developed under the impact of

recent events may already be receding in the light of our own successful orbiting of satellites."

Gaither said "the Communist world and the Free world are two dynamic systems at work, moving at different rates of speed, and driving ultimately toward ideological goals which are diametrically opposed."

He went on to say that with greater public awareness and knowledge of the role of science and technology "there will come more enlightened governmental policies at all levels that will make federal and state funds more acceptable in the future than many people now think they are."

"Politics aside," said Gaither, "the simple fact is that some facilities now required for the vigorous, far-ranging and even costlier research that our nation needs can be financed only by government."

While the Russian radios, TV sets and textiles were inferior to American brands the Russians showed more of all types of goods in their first display in the Japanese trade fair.

Walter Williams, undersecretary of the U. S. Department of Commerce, said the United States "considered putting a model of the Explorer satellite in the U. S. exhibits, but it was decided not to make a propaganda contest out of this trade fair."

Russia Steals Trade Fair Attention With Exhibits

Osaka, Japan — Russia stole the show at the recent opening of the fifth international trade fair to be held in Japan.

The USSR pavilion was bigger, better and more spectacular than those of the United States and the 22 other nations participating.

The Russian exhibits, with a model of Sputnik II and the dog Laika inside it, were the center of conversation. "Beep-beep," music played while a huge globe showed the paths of the two Russian Sputniks

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

Belsen, Germany — Memorial services were held here Sunday for the 30,000 victims of the Nazi Belsen concentration camp on the 13th anniversary of the camp's liberation by British troops. The British found 13,000 corpses and 55,000 inmates when they entered the camp in 1945.

SERVICE HELD UP

Nicosia, Cyprus — A band of hooded men interrupted an Easter service in Peristerona near here Sunday and flogged an 18-year-old boy. They held up the service for an hour while they harangued the worshippers, telling the village committee to resign and the village constable to do his work properly.

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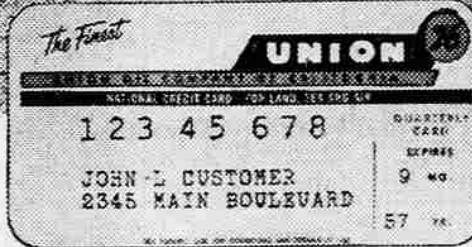
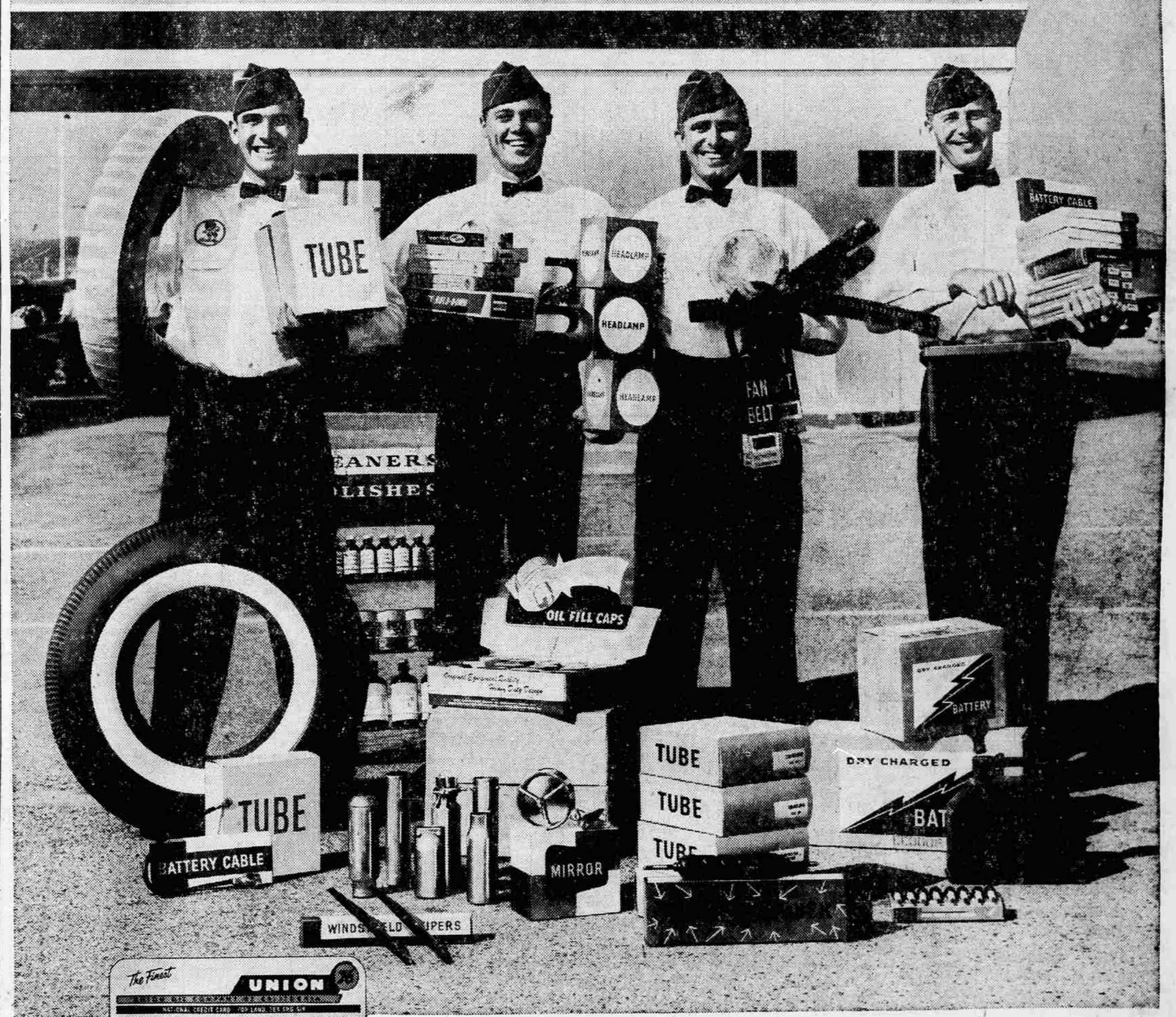
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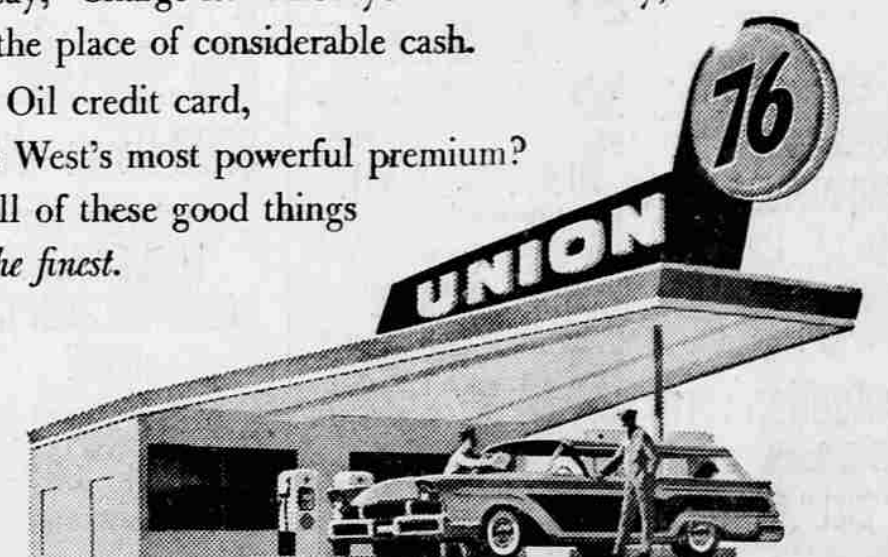
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