

Evidence Said To Show Polluted Air Could Be Blamed for Lung Cancer

Washington—UPI—The chief of the U.S. Public Health Service said Tuesday there is growing "circumstantial evidence" that polluted air is a cause of lung cancer.

Dr. Leroy E. Burney, the surgeon general, told a national conference on air pollution that dirty air also produces higher death rates for a number of diseases.

"We know that lung cancer death rates in the largest cities are twice as high as those in non-urban areas," he said. "The case has not yet been proved, but the weight of circumstantial evidence grows heavier as research progresses."

Burney called on the nationwide conference of scientific experts and civic leaders to explore ways of reducing air pollution.

He warned that it would "invite disaster" or cause unnecessary long suffering to wait for absolute proof of a relationship between air pollution and lung cancer.

"Controlling air pollution will cost big money, but it is an essential investment," he said.

Burney said cancer-producing agents "are in the air we

breath" and cancers can be produced in animals by using concentrates of city smokes.

He said studies show that cities with heaviest pollution loads also "tend to rank high in death rates for a number of diseases."

Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, Assistant Dean of Ohio State University School of Medicine, said air pollution is as much to blame as cigarettes for increasing lung cancer.

Polar Caps May Melt

Leake, representing the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said also that increasing air pollution will make the earth hotter and might even slowly melt the polar ice caps.

There is, Leake said, a "tremendous increase in the blanket of carbon dioxide we are throwing above us, which will inevitably tend to increase heat captured from the sun."

"What will we do if this occurs with gradual melting of the huge polar ice caps, and the gradual rise of our oceans, drowning out still further our shorelines?" he asked.

The three-day meeting was called by Burney to get views of scientists and civic leaders on how to prevent contamination of the air we breathe.

Absorb Gas With Trees

Leake suggested the carbon dioxide "blanket" might be reduced by extensive planting of trees and other green things which absorb the gas along city streets. "Maybe 10 trees planted for every automobile with 100 for every truck would help," he said.

Leake said about half of air pollution is traceable to automobile exhausts.

"The increasing incidence of lung cancer is quite as referable to increased city auto traffic exhaust as to cigarettes," he declared.

He suggested that auto and truck manufacturers "turn



STARING STEADILY at lion for 90 minutes until help arrived and it could be returned to cage, Liborio Ronsivalle saved life of infant which lay on floor of kitchen in home at Vighizzolo, Italy, only foot or two from savage beast. Ronsivalle tracked lion, which had broken out of cage, to home where it was captured by its trainer.

Dormitory Plans At MacLaren Approved

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Control today approved final plans for four dormitories at MacLaren School for Boys near Woodburn and voted to put the \$515,000 project out for bid.

Clear Relationship To 'Body Images' Revealed in Tests

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York—UPI—Further scientific progress in unraveling the screwy complexities of human beings has shown a clear relationship between the "body image" of themselves which they all carry around unconsciously in their minds and the side of their bodies on which their response to mental stimulation is the stronger.

To some this "body image" idea always sounds implausible but science knows for sure each harbor an "image" of our own body which usually does not agree with our actual body as others see it. Everyone knows fat people who think of themselves as athletically proportioned—and plain women who act as though they were reigning beauty queens.

And some sections of anyone's body will be more "reactive" than others. Physicians know that from hypochondriacs who "think" themselves into feeling ill and into feeling definite pain all

which costs the public an estimated \$1,500,000,000 to \$4 billion a year not counting any damage to health.

2. To develop a 10-year plan to cope with air pollution, which Burney calls "an unwanted by-product of progress."

About 1,000 persons were expected to participate in the discussions.

Malcolm C. Hope, PHS engineer and conference secretary, said industry "has been doing a fairly adequate job in facing up to the air pollution problem."

Kuchel's speech was delivered to the conference by an aide. Kuchel is in Paris as a U.S. delegate to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Interparliamentary Conference.

He said the job of policing air polluters must be handled by state and local governments. He said "air zoning" would "make certain that industrial expansion, vital and welcome as it may be, is so directed as to take advantage of prevailing winds or features of terrain in reducing potential air pollution."

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Elderly People Credited for Vote

Eugene—UPI—An unusually large number of elderly person apparently turned out at the polls in Oregon Nov. 4, the League of Oregon Cities was told Tuesday.

Dr. Wesley G. Nicholson, chairman of the Oregon Council on Aging, said any unusually large conservative vote may well reflect the attitude of the elderly. He said that the vast majority of this group had very little to live on and that there was a direct relationship between their contentment and the extent that a community can progress.

"They have defeated many measures in the past" and can continue to do so, he said.

He said that since 1900 the population of the United States has doubled but in the same period the 45 to 65 year group had trebled and the number of persons over 65 had quadrupled.

Dr. Nicholson said the city officials must start preparing to serve these people better with the help of social centers and planned recreational activities.

Former Miss USA Marries Dancer

Las Vegas, Nev.—UPI—Showgirl Leona Gage, 22, the Maryland beauty who was disqualified as Miss U.S.A. in the 1957 Miss Universe pageant when it was learned she was married, Monday wed her third husband, dancer Nick Covacevich, 22.

The shapely brunette and Covacevich expected to return to work tonight at the Moulin Rouge night club in Hollywood where they met about six weeks ago. They were married in a double ring ceremony at the Little Church of the West.

Farm Assets To Reach \$200 Billion

Washington—UPI—The Agriculture Department predicted today the total value of U.S. farm assets will reach \$200 billion by Jan. 1, up 7.1 per cent from a year earlier.

Economists writing in the department's publication "The 1959 Agricultural Finance Outlook" said this improved credit and financial position is the result of higher income farmers received in 1958, the further rise in farm real estate values and the larger inventories of crops, machinery and livestock which farmers will have at the beginning of 1959.

The estimated value of farm real assets for Jan. 1 compares with \$186,700,000,000 on Jan. 1, 1958.

Portland—UPI—Dick Kohnstamm, vice-chairman of the Olympic village advisory committee for the 1960 winter games at Squaw Valley, Calif., has resigned.

A snack of mental food for you to sleep on tonight from Jack Vaughn on Television for Barker's at 10:30.