

Scientist Says Hospital Wards Must be Abolished

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New York—(UPI)—From both the scientific and humanitarian viewpoints, the hospital ward is out-moded and must be abolished, according to a surgical scientist who is internationally known for contributions to hospital techniques.

Dr. Rupert Vaughan Hudson's chief concern was with the increasing dangers of getting a staphylococcal infection in the modern hospital. His idea was to partition hospital wards into rooms, just large enough to contain one bed, a bedside table, and a cabinet for the patient's clothes. But the patient would have his privacy and would be better protected from any staphylococcal bacteria on the loose.

Wards Partitioned
Most wards could be partitioned with no more than a 10 per cent loss of beds, he argued. Ideally there would be a central corridor with all room doors giving into it in two facing rows. This compactness would permit nurses and attendants to care for as many patients as they do now.

The cost would be relatively low if the kind of partitioning now used in offices was adopted. These walls are prefabricated in standard

units and are easily put up or taken down. And these walls could be washed down with disinfectants or better, with steam, readily and without damage, he said.

Scientifically all this would do much to lick the problem of "hospital infection" which is a problem wherever there are hospitals.

Unpleasant Noises
Ward patients are constantly assaulted by noises, many of them most unpleasant as in "the recovery from anesthesia and the complaint of pain or fear." The lights are turned on periodically during the night, and so sleeping pills are used "wholesale" to make up for these "defects in medical care."

Hudson is British. His was one of the first well known surgical voices to be raised for abolishing the hospital ward, and he raised it in the authoritative technical journal, "The Lancet." British and American hospitals are so very similar they're all but identical. The quality and cost of medical care are hot subjects in our country, particularly in this election year.

Buxton, Eng.—(UPI)—Movie actor Trevor Howard got up at 5 a.m. Wednesday, drove 180 miles to play cricket here. He was out on the first ball which finished his batting for the day.

Work at Capitol Nears Completion

Salem (UPI)—Work will be completed Aug. 25 on the visitors information center on the first floor of the state capitol building here, and the dedication is tentatively set for Aug. 31, the secretary of state's office said today.

The center, first of its kind in the Oregon capitol, will include a visitors lounge and guide service offices. The lounge will be wood-paneled with the west wall an intricate geometric design of chunks of wood.

Highway Traffic Increases in June

Salem (UPI)—The state highway department reported Wednesday that Oregon highway traffic increased 1.4 per cent during June over June, 1959.

June of last year was one of the peak months because of Oregon's Centennial celebration.

Improved U. S. 30 between Portland and Astoria showed a traffic increase this year of 16.3 per cent last month. Traffic at Chemawa near Salem on U. S. highway 99 this June was up 3.8 per cent and farther south at Halsey, also on 99, volume was up 5.8 per cent.



LUMUMBA WANTS HELP—Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba is greeted by U. S. Secretary of State Christian Herter upon arrival in Washington Wednesday for two days of talks with U.S. officials on the future of his strife-torn young nation. In an airport statement, Lumumba asked for U.S. help to make the Congo a "unified, strong and democratic country." (UPI Telephoto)

Many Search for Pennies After Reading UPI Story

Washington—(UPI)—Thousands of Americans have rummaged through their piggy banks and coin purses hoping to find that a penny saved might be much more than a penny earned.

The nationwide treasure hunt was touched off when UPI reported that Washington coin dealer Ben Douglas had placed a value of up to \$8 and perhaps more on certain 1960 pennies with a flaw in the date.

Flood of Calls
The dispatch brought a flood of calls to newspapers and broadcast stations. Coin dealers were besieged with inquiries. New York City hospitals reported patients were checking their pennies. And all over the country penny-pinchers saw a chance to get rich quick.

The cause of all the fuss are so-called 1960 "small date" pennies—coins on which the date under Abraham Lin-

coln's chin is smaller than normal. "Small 1960" coins issued by the Philadelphia mint are the most valuable although similar irregular pennies were turned out by the Denver mint. The Denver coppers are marked with a tiny "D" under the date. They are less valuable than the flawed Philadelphia pennies because Denver produced more.

The question everyone is asking is: Are my pennies valuable and if so where do I cash them in?

There is not a simple answer. The search might turn up so many of the mis-stamped pen-

nies that their value would plunge, Douglas indicated. "The numismatist, described by a top Treasury official as one of the nation's "most reputable" coin dealers, said the flawed pennies are "highly speculative, like a stock." He would not commit himself to paying a specific price.

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