

Lung Cancer In Men Shows Increase Of 500 Per cent

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Cancer Society reports that deaths from lung cancer in men have risen 500 per cent in the past 20 years but it says science has not discovered the cause.

In its annual report Sunday, the society said it "takes the position that the causes of this rise have not yet been demonstrated scientifically."

"Perhaps the best way to express the society's attitude," it continued, "is to say that some evidence placed cigarette smoking on the scene of the crime but the evidence is not strong enough to convict it. Other data link air pollution to lung cancer."

The society said "of the six forms of cancer on which the society is concentrating, cancer of

the lung has shown the most dramatic and challenging increases," it added.

"In men there has been an increase in mortality in the last 20 years of 500 per cent. While the death rate in women has also increased, the major threat is to men over 45. It is estimated that male deaths from lung cancer in 1952 exceeded male deaths from tuberculosis."

An immense study of 304,400 men and their smoking habits has been undertaken, the society said, to see "if there is a statistical relation between lung cancer and smoking."

The report urged periodic checkups to catch all forms of cancer in early stages. It estimated this would save 41,000 lives a year in the United States.

Increased emphasis on detecting "silent cancer"—before any symptoms of the disease develop—was greatly increased in 1953, the report said. This makes an attack on cancer possible when it is usually most curable, the report added.

Solons See July Closing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) predicted Monday that the House will be ready to adjourn by July 15, but Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) expressed doubt that the Senate will be able to close up shop before July 31.

Martin and Knowland, the Senate majority leader set forth their views after their regular Monday morning conference with President Eisenhower.

Martin told newsmen the House still is aiming for adjournment July 1 to July 15 "and I think we'll make it." He added that July 15 probably was more likely.

Knowland chimed in that he was not as optimistic as Martin. "I think July 31 would be a closer approximation," Knowland added.

The House plans to recess late Thursday for a 10-day Easter holiday. The Senate will recess at the same time, because of its heavier work load will return to the job next Monday.

Fish Derby Opens At Westport

WESTPORT, Wash. (AP) — Westport lifted the lid on its salmon season Sunday, opening a summer-long derby that will wind up Aug. 29.

Every big event, of course, has to have a queen and Westport selected Her Royal Highness at a Saturday night coronation ball. The winner in a group of 13 contestants was 15-year-old Zoe Munnaw, a comely brunette freshman at Ocosta High School.

Few fish were caught on opening day although fishermen were plentiful on the open sea outside the Westport jetty. Most of the salmon landed were small, the "lunkers" for which Westport is famous not yet knowing they have a derby date.

Sponsored by the Westport Chamber of Commerce, the derby will carry 19 weekly prizes of \$50 each, four monthly prizes of \$100 and seven daily prizes of \$100 for the final week. Twenty-five final cash prizes also will be up, the amounts depending upon the number of entries.

Press and radio people came from many cities in the state to help get this resort village's derby started. This is the town's first all-season fishing project, although another two-day derby has been a fixture and will be held again this summer.

Eyes Of Nation Focus On Illinois Primary Tomorrow

CHICAGO (AP)—The first political struggle of 1954, a preliminary skirmish to pick candidates for the crucial November battle over control of Congress, reaches a showdown tomorrow in the Illinois primary.

From the standpoint of national interest, the main result will be to tap a Republican for an attempt to tip Democrat Paul H. Douglas out of his Senate seat. Nine candidates are scuffling for the GOP senatorial nomination.

Joseph T. Meek and Edward A. Hayes are regarded as the top contenders. Between the two, observers are inclined to give Meek a shade the better of it.

Meek heads the Illinois Federation of Retail Associations. Hayes is a former national commander of the American Legion.

The nation's first primary tomorrow will determine, too, whether 10 House members, four of them chairmen of major committees, will get a chance to run again in November.

Over the country, politicians are eyeing the primary for straws in the wind. But they may have to strain to detect any real trends, any significant Midwestern sentiment on national issues, or any clear signs of approval or disapproval of what the Eisenhower administration and Congress are doing.

Mate Sought For Portland's Rosy

PORTLAND (AP) — The aid of school children in Oregon and Washington is being sought by Mayor Fred D. Peterson to get another elephant for the Portland Zoo.

Peterson hopes that Prime Minister Nehru of India will give the city a companion for its new elephant, Rosy. The mayor thinks Oregon should provide India with a native Pacific Northwest bird or animal in return.

Peterson asked school children to write letters to Nehru, in care of the Portland City Hall, asking for the elephant. A name for the elephant and suggestions about what bird or animal should be sent to India also are sought.

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up against somewhat stiffer competition. Velde has encountered a tough antagonist in one-armed Robert H. Allison, for 20 years a member of the State Legislature. And among some clergymen in his district there is an undercurrent of resentment that his committee has questioned a number of ministers. Democrats probably would seize

on defeats of any Republican congressmen, committee chairmen particularly, as a token of grass roots displeasure at the way the GOP has been running Congress. As things stand now, the Republicans have a paper-thin majority in the House and none at all in the Senate. So they are eager to pick off two or three House Democrats

since none of the Democratic contests involves any statewide balloting. Sen. Douglas has no challenger in the primary. All 25 incumbent congressmen look like fairly safe bets to win re-nomination. That includes, of course, the committee chairmen, Harold H. Velde of the Un-American Activities Committee, Leo E. Allen of the Rules Committee, Robert B. Chipfield of Foreign Affairs and Chauncey W. Reed of Judiciary. Plus Sid Simpson of the District of Columbia Committee, who has no opposition. Reed isn't particularly alarmed about a pair of GOP rivals, Chipfield and Allen have been

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