

Health Resources Fund Is Good But Dosage Claimed Too Small

OTTAWA (CP)—Doctors in the Commons diagnosed the government's proposed \$500,000 health resources fund as "good medication but said it must be administered in greater dosages."

Health Minister MacEachen introduced a resolution to establish the fund that would make money available over 15 years to build and equip facilities for health research and training of medical personnel.

But the doctor-MPs felt the fund is "too little, too late" in the words of Dr. Lewis Brand (PC-Saskatoon), and "a little too little for this late," in the opinion of Dr. William Howe (NDP-Hamilton South).

Mr. MacEachen said the fund is to help meet the greater need for trained people, to provide medical care services and to try to catch up in areas where adequately trained personnel are short.

The amount of money that will be required. The Association of Canadian Medical Colleges estimated that \$514,250,000 was required within five years to maintain present standards.

There were 20 countries in the world with a more favorable physician-patient ratio than Canada, which has one physician for every 859 persons. Canada needed 1,300 medical graduates yearly but only 850 were graduating.

If it were not for the great number of doctors who immigrated to Canada "we would be in a very serious position indeed."

Dr. Brand suggested Mr. MacEachen hadn't paid sufficient attention to the Saskatchewan Medical School, which was established a few years ago yet despite it "there are 40 per cent less physicians in the province today" than when it was opened.

The government was trying to provide increased medical care with an inadequate basis of medical personnel. The personnel should come first. If current immigration policies remained successful Canada would need 41,000 physicians by 1986. It now has about 24,000.

He supported any measure to increase medical research facilities in Canada as this could cut the drain of Canadian medical personnel to the U.S. The U.S. now has 88 medical colleges, is building 12 more and the government there spent \$1,500,000,000 on medical research in 1965. This was why Canadian medical personnel went south.

WANTS FAIR SPLIT
A. B. Patterson (SC-Fraser Valley) called for more equitable distribution of federal funds for health services generally.

Canada's spending on medical research meets about one-tenth of the need, said David Orlikow (NDP-Winnipeg North).

The fund was just a "first payment toward meeting an urgent problem." The figure of \$500,000,000 had apparently been plucked out of the air with no previous study or report indicating it was realistic. It should be "doubled or quadrupled."

Melvin McQuaid (PC-Kings) said he hopes the funds would not be divided on a per capita basis.

The Prince Edward Island back-bencher said he had been involved during his days in the provincial legislature with the division of federal grants and it was always "dog eat dog."

Part of the funds should be divided on a per capita basis but a further sum should be divided on the basis of fiscal need.

ment of \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000. Representative John A. Blatnik (Dem. M.P.n.) said Tuesday. It will create 1,000 to 1,500 jobs, he said.

Blatnik said leases to be signed shortly by Henry S. Wingate, chairman of the board of International Nickel Co. and U.S. interior department officials would give International Nickel the mining rights for large-scale production of copper and nickel from a deposit near Ely.

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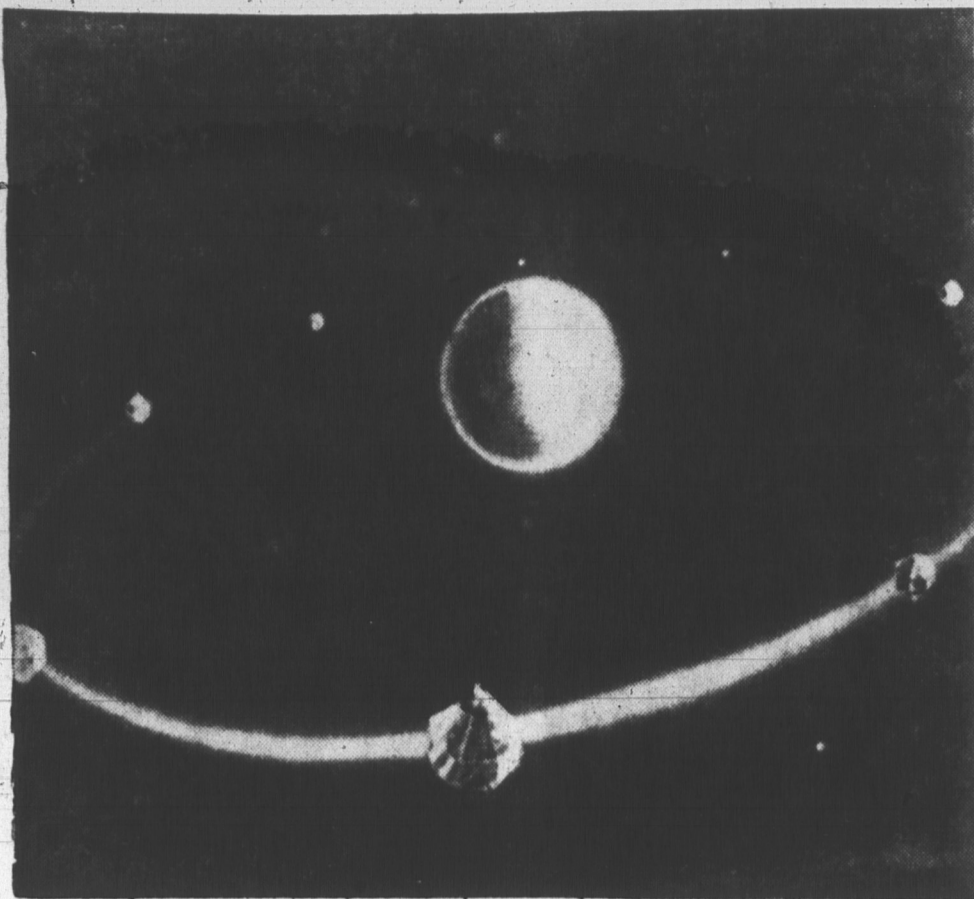
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PROMOTES COMMITTEE
Once legislation is passed a health resources advisory committee would be established. Dr. Brand said insufficient study had been given the actual

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