

Four-Fifths Cancer Cases Are Claimed Preventable

HONEY HARBOR, Ont. (CP) Four out of every five cases of cancer develop from factors within man's control and thus could be prevented, a South African medical researcher said Thursday.

Dr. A. G. Oettle of the South African Institute of Medical Research in Johannesburg said he based his statement on studies that show the incidence of different forms of cancer can be correlated with diet, smoking, weather and methods of cooking.

However, he emphasized in an address to the sixth Canadian cancer research conference here that he did not imply that five-fifths of existing cancer could be eliminated immediately.

Dr. Oettle said a recent report in the British Medical Journal shows that control of cigarette smoking prevents some cancer cases from developing.

The report said that after a campaign by the British Medical Association to persuade its 40,000 members to give up smoking, the incident of lung cancer in men aged the doctor had dropped five per cent from 1958 to 1961 compared with the rate during the previous five-year period. During the same period, the incidence among the British public rose about 22 per cent.

ENVIRONMENT LINK
Five cancer specialists, including Dr. Oettle, agreed that while there is no specific cause of cancer, some environmental conditions appear to link up with viruses, some of which may still be unknown, as the overall cause of the disease.

Expanding this, Dr. Oettle said research has shown that Africa has distinctive types of cancer and all cancer in Africa is much less evident than in European or white races.

He said an example is cancer of the foot among Africans who go barefoot, but this disease vanishes among the next generation when it starts wearing shoes.

Dr. Niels Dungal of the University of Iceland gave another example of the environmental factor in cancer. He said the only place in Iceland where women have a higher incidence of stomach cancer than men is a fishing village where there is no groundwater and rainwater is stored in barrels.

GETS FARE BACK
CATTERICK, England (CP) Trooper Henry Gorry, who paid his own sea fare from Australia to join the British Army, has been chosen the best recruit in his regiment, the Third Royal Tank Regiment. And the army told him it will repay his \$162 fare.

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Commission On Biculturalism To Launch Research Program

QUEBEC (CP) — The chairman of the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism has announced the commission is launching a broad research program extending to the fall of 1965.

The commission has hired 45 full-time and part-time research workers and will add to the team later this summer.

Andre Laurendeau and Davidson Duntion said the fact-finding projects will cover the following areas:

1. The extent at present of bilingualism in the federal civil service, Crown corporations and the armed forces. Special attention will be given to recruitment and promotion practices and working methods.
2. The structure and policies of large private companies and labor unions in relation to language and cultural factors.
3. The efficiency and methods of mass media in furthering communications between Canadians. This study will cover television, radio, representative newspapers and The Canadian Press news agency.
4. The extent and methods of teaching mother and second languages in the school systems of the 10 provinces. Mr. Laurendeau said this is the area where information is lacking to the greatest extent.
5. Demographic studies of ethnic groups other than British and French.

PLAN EUROPEAN STUDY
Mr. Laurendeau said other researchers will make comparative studies of European countries with two or more ethnic cultural groups. No "enormous teams" would be sent to Europe, however, as some newspaper editorials had suggested.

The constitutional and legal aspects of bilingualism and biculturalism would also be studied. The commission has said in the past it feels free to recommend constitutional amendments if it finds some are needed.

Mr. Duntion said a series of 23 grass-roots meetings the commission held across Canada showed there is "a considerable lack of information and effective communications in the country."

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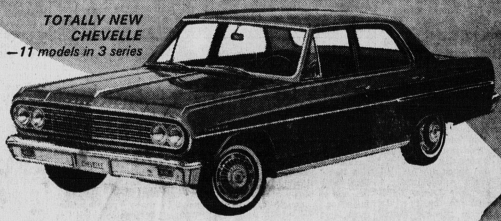
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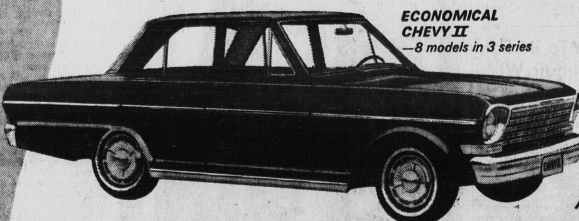
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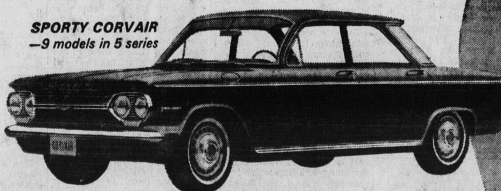
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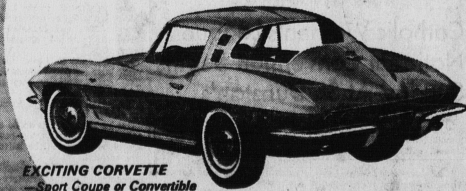
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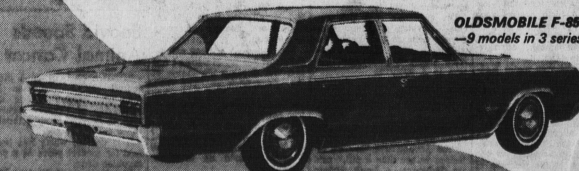
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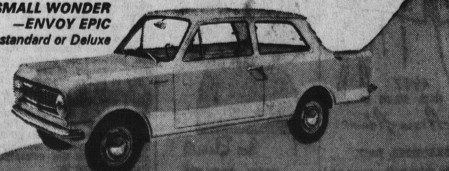
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