

Centuries-Old Techniques Used By Russian Doctors

MOSCOW (AP) — Some of Russia's top doctors still cling to centuries-old techniques scored in the West—even as they make use of major advances in modern surgical techniques.

Some of them still employ the 18th-century technique of cupping—the placing of cuplike devices on the body's surface to create suction and cause tiny hemorrhages beneath the skin. This is intended to relieve congestion, especially of the lungs.

And some doctors still employ theuncture techniques of the ancient Chinese and Tibetans—the insertion of needles in various parts of the body with the idea of relieving pain, releasing fluids or even producing psychological benefits.

An American doctor who accompanied this reporter on a tour of the Institute of Experimental and Clinical Oncology, one of the Soviet Union's top cancer research establishments, said:

"These Russians apparently do excellent modern surgery, they operate on live, and they have some really ingenious semi-automatic instruments for suturing blood vessels and other deep-seated structures with metal staples."

TECHNIQUES OUTDATED

"But some of their most surgical techniques are archaic."

A man who just the day before had had much of his stomach removed was in one room of the 200-bed clinic that is part of the institute.

Virtually his whole chest and upper abdomen were covered with purple circles—each the size of a silver dollar. These were cupping marks.

In several rooms were thin rubber boxes running from the nose, throat or other body areas of patients who recently underwent operations for lung or stomach cancer.

The lines in some cases twisted like snakes through a couple of different rooms, ending up on a side-nozzle of a tap-water faucet which is kept running day and night.

This was this hospital's version of a suction pump-in method contrast to portable bedside devices used in North American hospitals.

Said a Los Angeles surgeon who also made the tour:

"We'd never be able in use such a system in Los Angeles even if we wanted to—wasting all that water. I mean!"

SOME ADVANCED IDEAS

But both doctors were obviously impressed with the explanation of a surgical technique, and the display of X-ray pictures, given by Dr. Boris Peterson, one of the institute's chief surgeons. They indicated that the techniques did not differ in general from those used in the West, but most of them involved use of the semi-automatic suturing devices for stapling certain cut areas instead of sewing them up by hand.

Dr. Peterson said the stapling instruments—which look something like a pistol with a hook-like arrangement on the end—save time, facilitate reaching deep-seated structures, and allow even less-experienced surgeons to perform complicated procedures.

Peterson said the Soviet Union has 15 oncological ("cancer study") bases, one for each of the republics, where doctors are intensively trained after specializing in oncology in one of the Soviet Union's 90 medical schools.

Peterson said "every doctor in the Soviet Union is obliged to examine every patient for the possibility of cancer, no matter what he comes to see the doctor for in the first place. He is to check for the common cold or anything else."

"As a result of all this we are seeing fewer and fewer ne-

oplastic or far-advanced cases of patients are being found of cancer. A greater proportion operable these days."

WOODSTOCK

Mr. Arnett Gallant and family have arrived in Woodstock from Toronto, Ont., and are spending their vacation with Mr. Gallant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis were recent business visitors to Alberton.

Gene Gallant has returned from Toronto where he has been employed. He has again taken over his former position as a clerk in C.J. Gallant store.

Mr. Stanley Gallant is now employed with Curran and Briggs in St. Bonaville.

James Brown is vacationing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Brown, Mill Road.

Rev. Emmanuel Richard attended the St. Thomas Anglican annual meeting held at Rustico on July 29.

Dr. J.H. Blanchard, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to the community.

LEAPS TO DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gerald Marie Hoyt, 38, a former circus dancer reported disturbed after the death of Marilyn Monroe, leaped 30 feet to her death from a third-floor apartment Tuesday. "I think Marilyn Monroe got her off," her husband, Raymond, 51, told police. "All day Monday she was asking, 'Why did she do it? Why?'"

Wide Economic Views Find Agreement In ECM

By FORBES RUDE
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Differing economic philosophies find practical agreement in the operation of the European Common Market, European

sponsorship of last week's conference of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs.

Germany, for instance, emphasizes private enterprise and as little industry as possible in state-owned France, on the other hand, combines national planning with private enterprises and has a wide range of state-owned enterprises.

Italy, in the words of one European commentator, "is so surprised and delighted with her industrial expansion" that she hasn't arrived at a definite philosophy. There is, however, a certain amount of state-owned industry run in private-enterprise fashion.

Prof. Raymond Aron, French scholar who is recognized as a strong influence in new European thinking, said the secret behind so much discussion, for instance, no government was

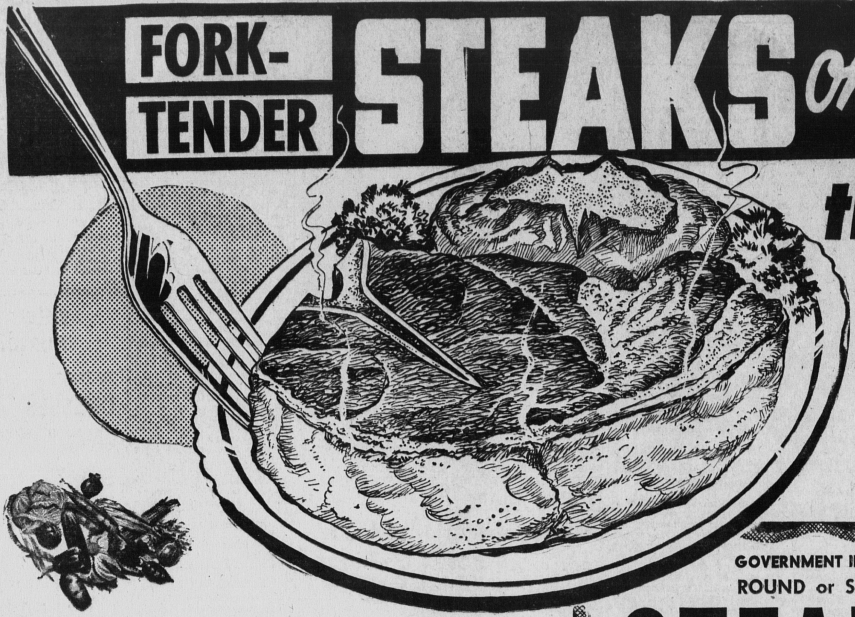
willing to accept the loss of flexible. Decisions, however, are carried out by industrial managers.

The government will give assistance in some special cases. Several large companies, such as Volkswagens, have been turned over to private shareholders and there is a philosophy of getting as wide ownership as possible into as many individual hands as possible.

NOT FOR BANKS

Rudolf Meiberg, German economist and banker, said Common Market unity does not mean concentration in industry and institutions. Banks, for instance, are not becoming supranational, but remain German, French, Italian and so on.

In Germany, Dr. Meiberg said, government sets the "flavor" and acts as a prod so that



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