

Lung Cancer Detection Has Passed First Test

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (AP)—A simple system of detecting conditions which could lead to lung cancer before symptoms appear has passed its first test in a unique community project.

Dr. Jona Valaitis, chief pathologist at Lutheran General Hospital, said in an interview that 46 of the 2,000 Park Ridge residents who participated in the "pap smear" project had abnormal cells indicating the presence of lung cancer.

Forty-four were among the 1,500 smokers tested. The other two came from the 500 non-smokers.

Dr. Valaitis said the project indicates that communities can help avert lung cancer.

For three consecutive mornings, the 2,000 residents deposited the sputum from their first cough into a laboratory vial. A smear from the sputum was examined under a microscope at the hospital.

If abnormal cells appeared, it indicated the person had a condition which could become lung cancer.

Dr. Valaitis, working under a two-year, \$22,500 grant from the American Cancer Society, said the 46 persons were given x-rays and none showed cancer possibilities.

The "pap smear" process was developed in 1928 and is in general use, primarily as a test for cancer of the cervix.

But the project in this Chicago suburb is the first of its kind in the U.S. and Dr. Valaitis said he hopes it is the forerunner of mass cancer detection.

He emphasized that the 46 persons who showed "pre-cancerous" conditions are not definite victims, but added that they are more likely to develop cancer than the persons who showed no signs.

"Lung cancer kills 47,000 persons annually," Dr. Valaitis said. "If detected in time, it can usually be halted. But the methods now available usually detect cancer too late to be successfully treated. As a result, lung cancer now is about 95 per cent fatal."

Announcement Expected On N.B. Lead, Zinc Deposits

MONTREAL (CP) — Premier Louis Robichaud of New Brunswick said Wednesday an official announcement soon will be made of the discovery of vast deposits of lead and zinc in New Brunswick.

He said when combined with known deposits in New Brunswick, the discovery would mean the province has the biggest deposits of such ores discovered to date in the world.

Mr. Robichaud said in the last five years there has been a drastic upsurge of mining production in New Brunswick. Between 1960 and 1965 mining production had increased from \$17,000,000 a year to \$84,000,000 a year.

He told members of the Advertising and Sales Club of Montreal New Brunswick was enjoying the best years of economic growth in its history.

He said 40 per cent of New Brunswickers are French-speaking and that significant French-Canadian communities exist elsewhere in Canada.

French-speaking Roman Catholic, could be elected premier of a province the majority of whose people are English-speaking and Protestant.

In a press conference after his speech, Mr. Robichaud said the economic upsurge in New Brunswick will put a stop to migration of residents from the province.

Between 1941 and 1961 over 600,000 Canadians left less affluent parts of Canada for other regions of the nation.

"Many New Brunswickers were in their ranks. Many of them, would not have gone, need not have gone; if the investors, the industrialists, the commercial leaders of Canada had seized the great opportunities that are so abundant in our province."

About 26 per cent of births among Bermuda's population of 58,799 in 1965 were illegitimate.

WILL SEND MISSION
OTTAWA (CP)—Canada will send a special economic mission to France later this year to work out arrangements for increased Franco-Canadian trade.

Trade Minister Wilfrid Brudenell announced the mission details of the mission are to be announced later.

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