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V. A. Administrator Defends Hospitals

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Veterans Administration says it doesn't charge that some of its 116 hospitals suffer from poor care, filthy and rat infested corridors, and other alleged problems of a V. A. care.

Donald L. Johnson, V. A. administrator, and other top V. A. officials appeared at a news conference to answer recent charges, in particular those made by Life magazine. A Life article purporting to show Veterans at the Bronx V. A. hospital suffering from inadequate care in sometimes squalid surroundings.

We learn from the report, 116 members of Veterans and

Medical News

HOUSTON — (UPI) — Government regulations are essential to controlling the use of asbestos, a New York medical specialist believes.

Dr. Irving J. Selikoff said asbestos fibers coming from many materials used in the construction industry pose a "distressing" and often fatal hazard to men who work regularly around them.

Because asbestos is used so extensively in insulation and building materials, he said, its fibers can be found to a lesser degree in the lungs of almost every city dweller.

Selikoff told the 10th International Cancer Congress that by themselves asbestos fibers cause both lung cancer and gastro-intestinal cancer in cigarette smokers.

He said they apparently learn with smoking byproducts to cause extra deadly results.

"WHERE ASBESTOS can become airborne it should be controlled or the product should be abandoned," he said. "I believe that government regulations are essential to help the asbestos industry."

Other cancer specialists at the congress said yesterday cigarettes themselves are an almost certain cause of fatal lung cancer if a smoker goes past the "point of no return."

"We may not have found the specific chemical that does it, but there are no question but that cigarette smoke does cause cancer" — both in the human and in an animal, Dr. Oscar Auerbach of the Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange, N. J. said.

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DR. ADERBACH said up to a certain point, which varies among individuals, a smoker can keep his habit and prevent cancer cells in his lungs will die but after many years of smoking it does no good to quit because cancer will develop anyway, he said.

Dr. John W. Turner of Springfield, Mass., defined the point of no return more precisely. He said cancer smokers who have consumed 200,000 cigarettes, about 30 years of smoking, almost certainly will die from lung cancer or tobacco related diseases.

Scientist's Doubts About Transplant Scope KENOSHA, Wis. — (UPI) — Society as a whole suffers from medical advances by themselves, a long-felt have found it the sound of his own voice's kept from his ears.

through organ transplants, a Nobel laureate said Monday. George W. Beadle said it won't be long before chemists can provide genes to improve the quality of life, but must the drug industry which is technologically possible and what is feasible in terms of betterable odds in human effort is being widened at a frightening rate.

Noise of Waterfalls Helps Shutterers

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — The hitting of a waterfall is music to a shutterer's ears, the sound may help him correct his speech defect, researchers say.

Dr. Marvin E. Klein, a psychiatrist from Detroit, says that for some speech-shutterers, a period of sleep shutters, as not of 10 minutes if the sound of his own voice's kept from his ears.

Doctor Who Rankled F. D. A. Officials Is Demoted

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Food and Drug Administration has quietly demoted the man who accused some agency bureaucrats of altering laboratory conclusions which cast doubt on each other's D. A. regulatory policy.

F. D. A. Commissioner Carlos C. Edwards reorganizes a pathology and law were making Dr. Richard J. Vos as acting head of the pathology division, according to an F. D. A. memorandum dated May 19 Dr. Vos, a long time agency official, is a medical doctor but not a pathologist.

Dr. Richardson was brought in to regulate F. D. A. pathology in part because of a reputation gained in the Veterans Administration as a hard-nosed scrupulous committed to scientific integrity, knowledgeable F. D. A. officials say.

F. D. A. memoranda show that Dr. Richardson has ruled long-time agency officials during the past year as a half with medical demands for applying pathology in the branch of medicine dealing with the causes of tissue injury and death.

A memorandum written by Dr. Richardson dated Dec. 20, 1969 charged that bureaucrats with limited scientific training expanded conclusions and recommendations from reports of certain animal experiments. The superimposed in questions appeared to contradict official agency positions on the safety of some food additives.

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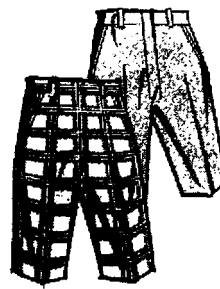
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