

international cancer activities. His travels have included many lectures, seminars with oncologists and site visits to laboratories throughout the world. From 1966 to 1974 Dr. Taylor served as Secretary-General of the International Union Against Cancer (UICC). Prior to that appointment he was chairman of the UICC's Cancer Control Commission.

Among his many other accomplish-

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ments and appointments were: five years of overseas service in the Canadian Army; a five-year directorship at the Medical Division of the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited at Chalk River (where, in 1950, he participated in the first cobalt treatment experiments); a long-term clinical teaching appointment at the University of Toronto Department of Medicine; at the same University, an appointment as Lecturer in the Department of Medical Biophysics; and a general medicine consultancy at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Dr. Taylor has also served on governmental agencies and is a member of many professional organizations.

To all the institutions and the causes he has served, Dr. Taylor has demonstrated magnificent leadership and has been an exemplar for his co-workers. He has im-

bued the field of cancer research with a deeply humanitarian perspective. In his view, "It is... misleading to hold up mortality as the only criterion for determining success or failure of the effort directed against cancer." The improvements in cancer management and the quality of survival are extremely important in his assessment of progress, reflecting a sincere concern for people.

Dr. Taylor has always been a realist about the promises of cancer research because the vicissitudes often make it a discouraging endeavor. Its history has been punctuated by false leads and subjected to various fads and fancies. Dr. Taylor understood and accepted this inevitability, all the while retaining an unwavering conviction that "... this scourge will be lifted from us... I am optimistic."

Dr. Taylor considers cancer "a people's disease" because he has always believed that a number of cancers are caused by personal habits and lifestyles. Accordingly, he has placed a fair share of the cancer burden squarely on the public's shoulders: "The fight against cancer will fail unless the people accept their responsibility to participate." This holistic approach to the problem of cancer, with the insistence upon mutual responsibility, is one of Dr. Taylor's great contributions to our understanding of, and our successful effort against, this disease.

We are grateful to Dr. Taylor for all his efforts and we can assure him that his fine example will be followed by all of us who have learned so much from him. ©

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