

Health Plan to Give More Aid to Disabled

OTTAWA.—The federal government is planning a long-extended expansion of its multi-million-dollar national health program.

Health officials said today the features, to be outlined in the Commons shortly by Health Minister Martin, likely will concentrate on aid for disabled persons and expectant mothers.

Initially, the expansion is expected to add another \$5,300,000 a year—and eventually a lot more—to \$100,000,000 spent during the last five years.

The national health program, which provides federal grants to provinces to aid control of diseases, hospital construction and medical training, was set up in 1948 by the former prime minister, Mackenzie King.

Officials recalled that Mr. King had said the program would be reviewed at the end of five years.

The program celebrates its fifth birthday next month and the federal government is reported to be so satisfied with it that it has decided on this three-way expansion:

- Concentrate on medical aid and rehabilitation of disabled grown-ups, in the same way as crippled children have been aided. This may develop in the establishment of special hospitals for the disabled, but this will be a matter for federal-provincial planning.
- Provide funds for appointment of provincial directors and other trained personnel to concentrate on pre-natal and post-natal care for expectant mothers. This program would include education of women in child-caring and construction of special clinics in areas where none are provided now.
- Construction of laboratories to aid doctors in obtaining accurate diagnosis of a patient's illness. Concentration would be on building laboratories in communities where none now exist.



Crysteine Pill May Prevent A-Bomb Radiation Sickness

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
CHICAGO (AP)—A big fat pill costing about \$4 probably would save you from radiation sickness or death from an A-bomb, scientists said today.
You'd have to take it just before the bomb exploded.
The pill appears to be the best practical bet so far to guard against radiation.



ROBERT D. ARMSTRONG, 36, director of finance and administration for A. V. Roe Limited, Toronto, has accepted an appointment as Associate Comptroller of the Canadian National Railways. He will join the company in Montreal, June 1.

Philosopher Dr. Joad 'Very Ill'

LONDON (AP)—Dr. Cyril E. M. Joad, Britain's philosopher, is "very ill" at his home here, it was reported today. He is 61.

Joad, who heads the philosophy department of London University's Birkbeck College, has been in poor health for some time. The nature of his illness was not disclosed.

He is well known for his books on philosophy, his broadcasts as a leading member of the BBC's "brain trust" panel of experts and for his barbed criticisms on life in general.

Of American children, he once said in an essay: "They are spoiled little brutes."

The name Nokomis for the grain-growing centre in Saskatchewan was taken from Longfellow's poem "Hiawatha."

It was described by scientists presenting reports to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.
The pill would weigh about two ounces, for a 150-pound person. It would be smaller for someone smaller, bigger for a fat individual.
It would be made of cysteine, one of the amino acids or building blocks of proteins such as muscle fat and nerves.
Given to animals about two hours before they're exposed to x-rays, cysteine saves most of them. It apparently would do the same for humans.
Dr. Harvey Patt, with the atomic energy commission, said: "I would take it (cysteine) if an attack were imminent. But I wouldn't want to take a daily dose over a long period, for then the cysteine might damage body organs."
Cysteine costs about eight cents a gram, which is 1-28th of an ounce. About 50 grams—or \$4 worth—would protect a person weighing 150 pounds, he estimated.
The important thing about cysteine is that it is the first chemical which protects against both x-rays and neutrons, both of which come from A-bombs.
Other scientists said Belgian doctors are giving cancer patients cysteine before they get big doses of x-rays to kill their cancers, to protect them from radiation sickness.
Cure or treatment of radiation sickness after exposure is a more difficult matter, the scientists agreed.

Ore Hauling Makes Progress

CLEVELAND (AP)—Great Lakes freighters, off to an early start this spring because of the mild weather, already have a 1,000,000-ton jump on their 1952 ore-hauling performance.
The Lake Superior Iron Ore Association, reporting this today, said the lake fleet has moved 1,139,569 tons of the season's goal of 100,000,000 tons of iron ore.
Every elevator in the two harbors at the lakehead are dumping grain into 25 lake freighters, and another 45 carriers are awaiting their turns.

A HOLLYWOOD Academy award was given to Norman McLaren's short feature "Neighbors," made by the National Film Board of Ottawa. The documentary was produced by McLaren who joined the board in 1939.



J. P. GARNEAU is the spry 82-year-old owner of a Quebec city book store which dates back to 1844. The atmosphere of the store, with its 40,000 books, is unchanged since it was founded by Octave Cremazie, father of French-Canadian poetry. A landmark of the Latin Quarter, the store has supplied books to Quebec cardinals, members of the French Academy and international personalities who visit the old city.

Rupert Woman's Father Dies At Smithers

SMITHERS.—Funeral services were held Thursday for James Davidson, retired railroader, who died here after a brief illness. He was 82 years old.

Born in Scotland in 1864, he brought his family to Canada in 1907. He first homesteaded at Ferry Point, Alberta. In 1911 he came west with the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Remaining with the railway, he was retired in 1935, making his home in Smithers for the past several years with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davidson. Besides his son, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Crawford of Prince Rupert.

Service was conducted from the Smithers United Church by Rev. Canon C. A. Hinchliffe, rector of St. James Anglican Church, in the absence of Rev. R. H. Woolman.

Palbearers were W. A. Ivers, B. A. Sherlock, J. Chilton, H. W. Leach, C. R. Goodacre and J. R. Nicholson.

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Japanese Return Relatives

TOUVER.—The federal government will be asked to permit return of relatives of Japanese-Canadians from whom they were separated by war.
Second World War separated 200 Japanese-Canadians and their relatives are now a brief time presented to Citizen-Minister Harris to allow them to return from Japan of close relations.
Taken by the Japanese government here at the conference of the Japanese Citizens' Association. It represents about 20,000 Japanese and Japanese-Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

Official cites examples where Japanese-born children were asked to accompany their parents to Japan after their parents entered the war. Some Japanese-born children were transferred into the Japanese government and now are prohibited return to Canada.

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