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CANCER.

The very word itself sounds horrible. The disease is one of the scourges of mankind. We've been so fatalistic about it as if there was no remedy. But that attitude has ended and a conviction has developed that a remedy can and must be found. In part at least, the new attitude toward cancer springs from our success in breaking down the atom and producing the atom bomb. One can sense a determination that this generation will find the cure for cancer. The success of the Office of Scientific Research and Development in marshalling the scientific brains of the nations and producing new and improved weapons with which to win victory has at the same time directed attention to the need for marshalling scientific talent to find remedies for diseases that have so long baffled medical science. Already, the prevailing theories about cancer are under close scrutiny and new theories are being examined. Nothing should be left unexplored to find a remedy for the disease which it is said, will take the lives of 17,000,000 persons now living in this country.

A NEW APPROACH.

Recently, the author of the CONGRESSIONAL FRONT had a visitor. He's an unusual person. He's devoting his energies, his talents and his very life to the cause of finding a cancer cure. His theory is that cancer is the result of diet deficiencies. He believes that no matter how much one may eat or what he may eat, our food is deficient in certain minor mineral salts which are necessary to maintain body resistance against disease. If these minor minerals of which there are more than 60 are lacking in the soil in which our food is produced, those minerals cannot be transmitted to the vegetables, fruits and foods which we eat and, therefore, do not get to the body in adequate quantities. The result according to this theory is that a certain balance and a certain resistive power is destroyed and we then become susceptible to such maladies as cancer. An immense amount of dietary work has been done and is being done and the results will be of extraordinary interest.

At Purdue University in Indiana, two professors have been experimenting with diets on milk cows. They found that by feeding cows on a diet which was made up of ground oats, white corn, sugar beet pulp, linseed oil meal and certain minerals - a diet which is low in Vitamin A - such cows showed a marked sterility. That is to say, they but infrequently produced calves. In those instances where calves were born to such cows, they died at birth or within 48 hours. But even more significant is the fact that when normal healthy calves which came from cows that were kept on adequate diets were put on milk from the cows that were kept on the deficient Vitamin A diet, those calves usually died in 30 days. Can it be that soils have become impoverished and devoid of certain elements that are vital to health and that the body can actually starve and become a ready victim of disease even though our stomachs may be full. If this theory is fully established, it will mean to a considerable extent at least that national health and conservation of the soil go hand in hand. This theory is being vigorously pursued in the search for a cancer remedy.