

GRANTS OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY CANCER COUNCIL

NINE grants-in-aid amounting to \$79,377 were approved at the twenty-eighth meeting of the National Advisory Cancer Council held at the National Cancer Institute of the U. S. Public Health Service, Bethesda, Maryland.

These funds, the greatest amount ever granted at one time by the council, reflect the growing interest in the disease by medical groups throughout the country who are joining hands in cancer research and education. At the present time cancer is the second cause of death in the nation.

The largest individual grant, \$24,500, was made to Harvard University, Boston, for the study of the relation of steroid hormones to growth and tumors. Dr. J. H. Means will be in charge of this work. Drs. Fuller Albright and Joseph C. Aub will also participate in these studies.

Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, was next on the list of approved grantees with a request of \$10,775 for clinical studies on gastric cancer. This work will be under the direction of Dr. Franklin Hollander.

Harvard University was given an additional grant of \$10,000 for study of the pathology of cancer of the stomach, peptic ulcer and gastritis, with Dr. Shields Warren in charge.

Another grant was voted for clinical studies of gastric cancer which will be conducted by Dr. Leon Schiff, of the University of Cincinnati. The school was granted \$10,000 for this purpose.

Approval was also given to the request for \$8,500 for research in cancer education of Northwestern University. Dr. A. C. Ivy, member of the council, will supervise the work.

Dr. Paul A. Zahl will direct research on the virus-like agent in mammary cancer of mice for which the Haskins Laboratories, New York City, was granted \$5,000.

The relation of certain types of diets to induced cancer in rats is the research planned by the Detroit Institute of Cancer Research, Detroit. A grant of \$6,152 was recommended for the study. Dr. W. F. Dunning will be in charge.

New York University, New York, was granted \$3,500, which will be used by Dr. Robert W. Chambers in a study of Hodgkins disease.

A grant of \$1,450 was made to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, where studies on leukemia in mice will be conducted by Dr. Arthur Kirschbaum.

Members of the council are Dr. George M. Smith, executive director, professor of anatomy of Yale University; Dr. Frank E. Adair, president of the American Cancer Society, Inc., and a staff member of Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York City; Dr. A. C. Ivy, pro-

fessor of physiology of the Medical School of Northwestern University; Dr. James B. Murphy, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York; Dr. A. Baird Hastings, Harvard University Medical School, Boston, and Dr. Sherwood Moore, director of the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, St. Louis. Surgeon General Parran is chairman, *ex officio*, of the council.

The Public Health Service was represented by Dr. R. E. Dyer, director of the National Institute of Health; Dr. R. R. Spencer, director of the National Cancer Institute, and Dr. Ralph Braund, director of the Tumor Clinic of the U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore.

NEWS OF FRENCH SCIENTIFIC MEN

SCIENCE has received from Professor W. R. Taylor, of the University of Michigan, news in regard to scientific men in France that, with the exception of the announcement of the death of M. Allorge, has not been recorded in the journal. The communications received by him from correspondents read as follows:

... I beg to give you some news—unfortunately sad news—from the Laboratoire de Cryptogamie. I am very grieved in informing you of M. P. Allorge's death, which occurred January 21, 1944, consecutive to a painful illness. Abbé Frémy, a victim of the St. Lô bombardment (Manche), August 6, died on August 14. My old friend and colleague, G. Hamel, was wounded to death on the road, on August 18, 1944. You may realize how hard French algology has been touched during 1944. At the beginning of the war I had the herbaria Bornet and Thuret transported to Bretagne. The collections are quite safe and have been conveyed again to Paris. M. R. Heim, who will succeed Professor Allorge as director of the Laboratoire de Cryptogamie, has been taken into custody and is still in Germany. We are going to issue a small addition to *Revue Algologique* in order to complete Vol. XII. During the invasion in 1942, we succeeded in issuing Vol. XIII named *Travaux Algologiques*...

This was signed by Rob. Lami, assistant at the Laboratoire de Cryptogamie, and was dated from Paris, March 21, 1945.

... I am very sorry to tell you to-day that M. Emile Chemin died on April 4 following a painful illness. ... In addition, Professor R. Guilliermond, a specialist of plant cytology, died recently in Lyon after a long illness. ...

This also was signed by Rob. Lami, and was dated from Paris April 17, 1945.

Professor Allorge was director of the Laboratoire de Cryptogamie of the National Museum of Natural History, Paris. Gotran Hamel was a specialist there on marine algae and the Abbé Frémy a specialist on