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Smoking and your health

THE DOCTORS REPORT

By PETER FAIRLEY

A highly controversial report on smoking and health is issued today by a committee of nine leading British doctors headed by Sir Robert Platt, president of the Royal College of Physicians.

Their conclusion: There is now no doubt that cigarette smoking is dangerous to health—and the Government must act quickly to curb the habit.

In outspoken terms, the doctors urge:

- 1—An increase in the price of cigarettes—to force people either to give up smoking or turn to "less harmful" pipes or cigars.
- 2—Anti-smoking education to run home to the public, especially children—the hazards of smoking.
- 3—Wider restrictions on smoking in public places.
- 4—Special clinics to help those who find it hard to give up.

The reply

This afternoon the Tobacco Manufacturers' Standing Committee set up by the industry in 1956 to promote research into smoking and health expressed its views. In equally outspoken terms it said:

- 1—By deferring to a separate report its consideration of air pollution, the RCP committee has recognised the

The City takes it in its stride

Tobacco shares took today's report in their stride. The stock market has known for some months from reports in the trade—that the findings were against smoking and share prices have been discounting today's news. — See Page TWO.

importance and complexity of this factor; but in so doing has produced an incomplete assessment of the problems involved.

2—There is a growing body of evidence that smoking has pharmacological and psychological effects that are of real value to smokers. The main unspoken lesson of the report is the need for far more intensive research. Further investigation is needed into the chemistry and biological effects of tobacco smoke.

3—Only a minority of even heavy smokers contract lung cancer or chronic bronchitis, and there may well be predisposing factors in both smokers and non-smokers who contract these diseases.

4—TMSO feels that a general condemnation of cigarette smoking is not a constructive approach to the problems. The RCP committee has acknowledged that most smokers suffered no serious impairment of health or shortening of life as a result of their habit.

The under-16's

The Tobacco Advisory Committee, which represents the industry on general trade matters, commented on the commercial aspects of the doctors' recommendations.

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Gale-driven giant tide smashes its way over promenade into sleeping towns

TERROR IN NIGHT TRAPS FAMILIES

The sea floods their homes

Evening Standard Reporter

An on-shore wind hurled a high tide at the sleeping Cornish towns of Penzance and Newlyn today. The pounding waves smashed the sea walls. Four feet of water swamped homes.

Many families fled. Others hurried to upstairs rooms.

There was no escape. Even trains could not get through to Penzance for a time because the track was submerged.

It was four o'clock when police and firemen with loudspeaker vans toured the area to warn people.

House to house

Roadmen were called out and they went from house to house knocking on doors. At two minutes past six—high tide—waves whipped into the streets.

Said a police officer at Penzance: "We had a tide of 18ft. 6in. Many homes are flooded but no one was injured. A number of families are in their upstairs rooms."

The sea was so high that fishing boats appeared to be floating above the level of the harbour.

"I have never seen anything like it before," said one fisherman. "In fact I believe the

Seven aboard fishing boat missing in gale

Evening Standard Reporter

ST. IVES, Wednesday.—The St. Ives fishing boat Lamorna with seven men on board was reported missing today in the easterly gale raging off Cornwall.

Land's End Radio asked all ships to keep a look out. The little wooden lugger set out early on Monday morning and was due to return to St. Ives Harbour early today.

She was last seen by another St. Ives boat, the Sweet Promise, early yesterday morning 45 miles north-east of St. Ives.

£10,500 for car crash baby

Evening Standard Reporter

The story of a "bright child" who received severe head injuries in a car crash, was told in the High Court today when a six-year-old girl was awarded agreed damages of £10,500.

She is Lowana Compton Veal, of Old Gospel Hall, Nutley Grove, Reigate, Surrey.

She was 23 months old at the time of the car crash, in June, 1957.

Her counsel Mr. Alexander Karmel QC, said Rowan's head injuries had had "unhappy results."

After the accident she was in hospital and unconscious for three weeks. Judgment with costs was entered against Mrs. Katherine Skine Peet, of St. Andrews Road, Headington, Oxford, the driver of a car involved in the crash with the car in which Lowana was a passenger, in Kingsnorth, Kent.

Premiers meet

Mr. Macmillan had talks at Admiralty House today with the Prime Minister of Persia, Dr. Ali Amiri.



Penzance today — rescuers wade through the flood water to help a woman marooned in her bedroom.

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Labour is stirring up H-bomb row

WHAT DOES U.S.A. REALLY THINK?

By ROBERT CARVEL

Confidential exchanges between Labour Party leaders and prominent members of the U.S. Government produced more complications for Mr. Macmillan and his Ministers today.

They believe the Opposition is out to make the maximum political capital from what it has been told in Washington. They also considered that Labour is spreading an inaccurate impression of the views held by President Kennedy and some of his senior colleagues.

The immediate embarrassment is over nuclear policy. What do the Americans really think about Britain having her own H-bombs?

A challenge

Mr. Harold Watkinson, Minister of Defence, is challenging Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Wilson, to quote his authority for claiming that Washington regards Britain's independent nuclear deterrent as valueless to the West.

Mr. Wilson declines to say who told him that.

In Whitehall today it was admitted, however, that SOME

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The milder weather forecast for today did not give in time to save racing at Plumpton and Ludlow. The Plumpton stewards decided to inspect the track until 1 o'clock but there was so much frost in parts of the course for racing to be possible. The meeting was abandoned.

Ludlow was also hit by a cold wind that prevented a race and the water jump was covered with ice. Today's card was postponed until tomorrow and the second day's programme abandoned. The stewards will inspect the course at 9.30 tomorrow.

DOCTORS AT RICHMOND

and correctly dressed, too

From RICHARD EVANS

RICHMOND, Wednesday.—A typhoon of doctors attacked in white coats and surgical caps provided an advance guard to the Hospitals Cup Final between St. Mary's and St. Thomas's here at the Richmond Hletic ground this afternoon. More taxi-loads of students were required to be on their way to the collection of nurses who were already parading colourful sters around the ground. The match looked in good condition with a forceful wind blowing when the ball will be light and difficult to handle.

Scottish soccer off

Tonight's two Scottish League Division matches, Airdrie v. Mirren and Aberdeen v. Falkirk, were postponed because of fog at the grounds.

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WATER PUMPS ARE OUT IN PENZANCE STREETS TODAY



Water is pumped from the houses in flooded Cornwall Terrace, Penzance, today.

Britain's bomb

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sections of the U.S. Government do hold roughly this view about Britain's nuclear capability. They include the State Department. There Mr. Dean Rusk's men sometimes find it embarrassing in dealing with the French and West Germans to have to acknowledge that Britain is entitled to a special position on account of the R.A.F. V-bomber force.

In the British Government's view it is necessary to keep this force in order to preserve, in different senses, Britain's independence both from Russia and America. Members of Labour's Shadow Cabinet chortled today over the Government's embarrassment and the Opposition intends to go on highlighting what it sees as points of agreement between official American thinking and its own.

Both Mr. Galskell and Mr. Wilson have had private talks in Washington recently. They have returned home with the impression that the U.S. administration as a whole considers that Mr. Macmillan wants to keep an independent British nuclear deterrent for domestic political reasons.

It is this impression which the Cabinet hopes to have publicly rebutted by leading Americans in the near future.

SMOKING: THE DOCTORS REPORT

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more effective restrictions on the sale of tobacco to children. It is illegal to sell tobacco to children under 16, whether for their own or another's consumption. It is possible that this is not generally appreciated and the manufacturers would be glad to assist in any measure to make the law more widely known.

A warning

Back to the doctors. They admit that it is not yet possible to spot the man who will be harmed by smoking. So "preventive measures must be generally applied." They warn that the 35-year-old who smokes heavily stands a 1 in 23 chance of dying during the next 10 years—against odds of 1 in 90 for the non-smoker.

Those who give up cut the risk. Cigarette smoking, they state, is an important cause of lung cancer—and "the most likely cause of the recent world-wide increase in deaths from lung cancer, the death rate from which is at present higher in Britain than anywhere else in the world."

Three-quarters of the men, and half the women in Britain today smoke. The habit is also now "widespread among school-children, especially boys."

The doctors—who took three years over their investigation—also conclude that cigarettes are a cause of bronchitis and probably contribute to the development of coronary heart disease and various less common diseases.

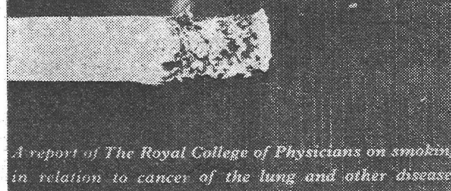
All evidence sifted

They add: "Smoking of pipes and cigars appears to be associated with far less risk than cigarette smoking. It does not seem possible to explain the relative harmlessness of these forms of smoking on any physical or chemical characteristics of the smoke. The contrast with cigarette smoking is probably due to the fact that pipe or cigar smokers seldom inhale." The committee claims it reviewed all available evidence about smoking and how it affects health put forward in surveys by British and American doctors and statisticians.

It adds up to a massive indictment of the tobacco habit. But it also exposes the shortage of scientific data. The doctors suggest that one reason for lung cancer mortality being higher here than in the U.S. might be the British habit of smoking a cigarette down to a short butt.

Or it might be Britain's chimney-fouled air, a report on which is now being prepared. "In the meantime they advise: 'Stubbing out when the cigarette is only half-smoked would almost certainly reduce the risk.'"

The report admits that cancer-producing substances in tobacco smoke—16 have so far been found which can cause cancers in animals—do not "seem likely



A report of The Royal College of Physicians on smoking in relation to cancer of the lung and other diseases

SMOKING AND HEALTH

to be sufficient to account for the large number of cases associated with the habit."

But they may reinforce each other or react with the air we breathe to cause lung cancer.

It is important to recognise that the hypothesis is not that cigarette smoking is the only cause of lung cancer. The fact that the disease does, rarely, occur in non-smokers and the effects of air pollution and various industrial "hazards clearly indicate that other factors are concerned."

But they suggest that if smoking ceased lung cancer deaths might drop to one-tenth of their present level.

The report also states categorically: "Reduction in general air pollution should reduce the risks of cigarette smoking."

Turning to filters, the doctors

"Since we cannot identify the substances in tobacco smoke that may be injurious to health no firm claims for the safety of modified cigarette tobacco or filters can be made."

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U.S. signs pact with the Market

GENEVA, Wednesday.—The United States and the European Common Market today signed a far-reaching trade agreement which incorporates large tariff cuts by both sides.

The agreement is the key section of a tariff conference involving 22 countries which opened here 18 months ago.

It is also part of the round of bilateral negotiations which started last May. Mr. Herman Walker, vice-chairman of the U.S. delegation, signed for America and Mr. Theodor Hizen for the six-nation group.—Reuter.

More Panzers for Wales

BONN, Wednesday.—Panzer battalions from various West German divisions will train at Castellmarin, in Wales, from the end of June until the end of October, the Defence Ministry announced today.

The number of battalions has not been decided.—AP.

Ship's engineer dies on quay

Chief Engineer A. W. Lee, of Sunderland, a member of the crew of the ss Horsted, who was taken ill on board ship at Splthead today, died on the quayside at Portsmouth.

Guillotine trouble

Cowan and Cox Ltd., of South Road, Wimbledon, were at Wimbledon today fined £100 for not having a power guillotine securely fenced.

Panda plan

THE London motorist today enjoys about as much freedom and latitude as a soldier on a barrack are. He has been chastened and disciplined by traffic lights, speed meters, one-way streets, edicts against U-turns and a super-abundance of waiting notices. For the pedestrian, however, a sweet anarchy prevails. So long as he can avoid an actual mangling under the bumpers of the rushing machinery, a maniac defiance will get him to wherever he wants to go. This has encouraged a man for adventure in the pedestrian, but it has been a naddening imposition on the motorist. To jay-walk has become not only a crime, but even a confession of survival.

Unprofitable
Of course the result has been to send up the accident rate and to abuse the pedestrian crossing system that motorists are treated with less and less respect. Mr. Marples' new Panda is to discipline the jay-walkers must be greeted with a respectful respect. This revised version of the old Panda will not only be easy to spot, but unprofitable to avoid, if the system of fines comes into use—a sum of £10 for a first offence, for a second offence for caught ignoring them. The pedestrian crossing becomes the focal point of accidents in recent years. Fines have become payable for 1960 which was that 1587 people were killed or seriously injured on zebra crossings. This is an increase of 12 per cent on the previous year.

Vital
America's stringent rules against wayward pedestrians, and are rigidly enforced. The flashing light at zebra crossings has been an innovation in the big cities many years. The Panda should finally bring British pedestrians into line. It represents a fair deal for motorists, since they are required to stop unless a pedestrian pushes the button. They will be a real help to the walkers who will in fact be controlling the traffic themselves.

the law is finally forced the Panda can be made to work. "Survival of the fittest" has been in force too long on the pavements and crossings of London—and too many have died to survive.



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THE LONDONER'S DIARY

IT looks as though Mrs. David Metcalfe, who was the widow of Sir Alexander Korda, may have to pay a considerable sum in death duties if she goes ahead with her plan to sell the collection of pictures which he left her. These pictures— they include works by Degas, Canaletto, Van Gogh and Monet— were valued for probate at £112,250 when Sir Alexander died.

Now they are expected to fetch considerably more, perhaps as much as £500,000.

If they do fetch more than the probate value, then, I understand, duty will have to be paid on the balance. No application was ever made by the executors to have them exempted from duty because of their national importance. Had this been done and the Treasury had agreed, an undertaking would have had to be given that they would not leave the country and would not be sold.

Additional duty

Sir Alexander's estate was £385,000 gross, but debts reduced this to £158,000. This included the £112,250 value of the pictures.

Assuming that the collection is sold and realises £500,000 the rate of death duty would rise from 55 per cent to 70 per cent.

This would mean that an additional £382,000 in duty would have to be found and the net benefit to Mrs. Metcalfe would be no more than £118,000.

A sign on a newly-painted school wall in Islington says: *This is a partition, not a partition. No signatures are required.*

Bevin's conduct

AN interesting example of the curious and persistent conduct of the late Ernest Bevin is mentioned by Tudor Jenkins in his book *The Londoner*, published this week.

In the House of Commons in July 1945 and accused Churchill of agreeing to the declaration of unconditional surrender made at the Casablanca Conference without consulting the Cabinet. He claimed to have told Churchill after the conference: "Well, it is done; we have got to make the best of it."

Sheer invention

The truth was that, before the declaration was made in January 1943, Churchill had cabled the Cabinet from Casablanca asking them to approve it. Bevin himself attended this Cabinet meeting under Attlee.

Churchill had momentarily forgotten this fact at the time of the exchange in the Commons.

Nehru's guests

LADY PAMELA MOUNTBATTEN left London Airport for India today. She will be the guest of Mr. Nehru at his home and will then journey to many places which her mother Lady Mountbatten visited as



"I'm all right, mine's an anti-cigarette cigarette!"

Vicereine—Udairpur, Benares, Agra and Jaipur.

Lady Pamela's husband, Mr. David Hicks, is going with her. He said: "We don't want to lay much emphasis on the invitation to stay with Mr. Nehru. We will be with him for 48 hours on a private visit."

"The main purpose of my journey is to help the Indian Government on merchandising of goods for overseas markets—things like cloth and goods produced from what you might call cottage industries."

Painter from Texas



Miss Mildred Wood has flown from Texas for the first exhibition of her paintings in London. Many of the paintings are inspired by her trips to Greece, Mexico and Italy. The exhibition opens tomorrow at the McRoberts and Tunnard gallery in Curzon Street.

Royal box

OVER the years the Queen has shown a tendency, on her occasional visits to Covent Garden, to avoid the Royal Box. The Royal Box is at Grand Tier level on the right hand side of the auditorium. The Queen—as last night, when Princess Marina had the

Royal Box—usually prefers a more central position.

Some people have deduced from this that the Royal Box affords an unsatisfactory view of the stage. This is not so. Where one sits is, of course, largely a matter of taste. But Queen Victoria, a regular and discriminating visitor to Covent Garden, always used the Royal Box.

Wonderful name

MRS. DIANA CHURCHILL has one very good reason for reverting to her maiden name. "I think Churchill is a wonderful name to have," said Sir Winston's daughter today. Her marriage to Mr. Duncan Sandys, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, was dissolved in 1960.

FOR the first time for more than 10 years there was not a single case of drunkenness at Old Street police court today. Usually there are six to eight cases daily.

Jamaica Accident

DOROTHY LADY BRUNTSFIELD leaves London Clinic today. She has been there a fortnight after being badly injured in a car crash in Jamaica, and now is going to the home of her son Mr. Robin Warrender.

It will be some time before she is able to walk without crutches. A leg was broken in two places and an arm also.

Washington gallery

LIKE London, Washington has no public gallery devoted exclusively to modern paintings and sculpture.

But in Washington, which has an amazing concentration of major paintings, this gap is about to be filled.

A new gallery devoted to post-1900 painting and sculpture will open there in August.

The gallery is being set up by a group of art lovers. Among the trustees is Mrs. Dean Acheson. She is herself a painter, and is at present touring Europe with her husband, looking for suitable modern works.

Other trustees are Julian Eisenstein, a top Government scientist; Mrs. Adelyn Breeskin, present director of Baltimore Museum of Art; Mr. Averell Harriman; Mr.

Phillip Graham, president of the Washington Post, and Mr. Abe Fortas, a famous lawyer.

Black market

OBVIOUSLY, having one of the first 55 Mark X Jaguars just put on the home market is going to give the owners the sort of cachet that usually goes with a Renault in the bathroom. Hence the black market.

A spokesman for Jaguars tells me today there is no doubt that unscrupulous people who have got their names down early for delivery try to sell the car as soon as they get it for £300 or so profit.

This has been going on

with the E type cars introduced a year ago, and already looks like developing with the new Mark X.

"There has been a car advertised for sale to the highest bidder," says the spokesman. "As far as we can make out the owner puts the price up £50 every time someone rings up to inquire."

With orders from America alone for £22,500,000 worth of Jaguars, the number available for the home market is strictly limited.

Last word

A STRIKE-BOUND actor friend of mine recently received notice of a distress warrant regarding his rates. The envelope was franked *Invest in Hampstead.*

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