

### Cancer Control Study In District to Begin In Week or 10 Days

The cancer control survey for the District will get under way in about a week or 10 days, according to Health Officer George C. Ruhland. Office space has been set aside for the clerical force and for Harold F. Dorn of the United States Public Health Service, who will direct the survey.

Mr. Dorn plans immediately to begin selecting 15 senior medical students from Georgetown University, George Washington University and Howard University, who will assist him in the survey. The survey will take about four or five weeks to complete, after which the work will be taken over by the Cancer Clinic of the District Health Department.

Cancer is a major public health problem, Dr. Ruhland said, and in the District, as in the entire Nation, cancer ranks second only to heart disease as the cause of death. Last year 1,247 persons died of cancer, he said.

"An intelligent approach to any public health problem is of prime importance," Dr. Ruhland declared. "In order to attack a problem it is necessary to inform ourselves first of the nature, the extent of the problem and where it appears. So it is with the cancer problem and this is what is proposed by a survey of cancer incidence."

"Here in Washington we are fortunate that the general public is taking a very realistic attitude toward the problem of illness."

"It is expected that, as in the matter of all communicable diseases, especially tuberculosis and venereal diseases, an early diagnosis of cancer can and will be made. For it is through such early diagnosis that we hold the greatest chance for cure of this malady."

### Naval Recruiting Unit Stationed in Arlington

A Naval Reserve mobile recruiting unit was stationed at the Arlington Post Office today and will remain there until March 15.

The unit will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Naval veterans may enlist without physical examination, but an honorable discharge certificate must be shown.

### Reds Infiltrating D. C. Civic Groups, Newell Tells Northeast Group

Charges that Communists are infiltrating civic groups in the District were made last night by Clifford C. Newell, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

Addressing the Northeast Council of Citizens' Associations, Mr. Newell said Communists are joining the various citizens' associations to take over the meetings and instruct the members how to vote. He also urged the delegates attending the meeting to make a recommendation to their associations that each membership application be studied carefully by the Membership Committee.

"Thank God we only have a small minority of Communists in any of our associations," Mr. Newell declared.

Jerome P. Lynch, president of the council, recommended that each association set up a block committee to get each occupant of the area interested in the work of the associations.

The council adopted a resolution, introduced by W. J. Wandrack, delegate from the Trinidad Association, asking for improved sanitary conditions in the Blow School, Nineteenth and Benning road N.E., and the Webb School, Fifteenth and Rosedale streets N.E.

The group opposed adopting the 40-hour week for District firemen until means are found to balance the local budget.

Last night's meeting was held in No. 12 precinct, 1700 Rhode Island avenue N.E., with Jerome P. Lynch presiding.

### Two Birthday Parties At Georgetown House

Children who are members of Georgetown House were to hold two birthday parties today honoring those whose birthdays come in March. Those who are 6 through 9 years old were to have a party at 4:30 p.m. and those 10 to 13 will begin their party at 7 p.m.

All children of the house were invited, but those whose birthdays fall

in the month were to be special guests. This is the first of a series of monthly birthday parties which will be held on the first Friday of each month.

### Southwest House Names Mrs. Curtis as Director

Mrs. Nannie Beatrice Curtis, formerly a social worker in Tennessee, has been named director of Southwest Community House, it was an-

nounced today by the Rev. A. Joseph Edwards, president of the Board of Directors of the house. Mrs. Curtis was girls' worker at Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn., and later a reception hostess at Camp Tyson, Tenn. She holds a master of arts degree in sociology from Pike University, Nashville.

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