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Sen. Neuberger Urges International Medical Year

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PORTLAND, Ore.—The stuff of partisan politics is for the most part as fleeting as the morning mist, and the current campaign is no exception. But now and then men and events combine to produce political drama of a higher order.

Shortly after the last session of Congress ended Sen. Richard Neuberger returned to his home here. He had been feeling a little under the weather and he went to his doctor for a physical examination. At a certain moment in the examination the doctor said: “I don’t like this, I’m afraid you’ll have to go to the hospital at once.”

It was cancer. There was an immediate operation and Neuberger began to undergo a series of cobalt radiation treatments that are continuing.

Seeks Research

In this incident itself was nothing novel—it happens to several hundred thousand Americans every year—except for the fact that the senator had devoted a great deal of his time and energy in his first four years in the Senate and looking up at the cobalt working under the leadership of Sen. Lister Hill to get only a short time ago the therapy he is receiving was unknown and how without it he might have been condemned to terrible suffering and death.

Having come out from under the shadow with a reprieve, Neuberger intends to dedicate himself to the advancement of medical research.

No. 1 Project

The No. 1 project that he intends to push with all his zeal is for an international medical year which would correspond to the International Geophysical Year. This would bring together the greatest medical scientists of every nation to consider the scourges of mankind and what to do about them as well as to report on the potentials for health and good living still unrealized. They would work in the same way that the geophysicists and the astronomers work during the IGY to expand the horizons of medical knowledge.

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