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Rupture of Lung Sacs Blamed on Cigaretts

By the United Press.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 1.—Cigaret smoking, widely blamed for lung cancer, may be "even more hazardous than has been hitherto recognized," four doctors said here today.

The physicians said in a report to the ninth clinical meeting of the American Medical Assn. that cigaret smoking may be the cause of many cases of an ailment called pulmonary emphysema—rupture of tiny air sacs in the lung.

They said the illness was relatively common and "since it causes a great deal of disability and may even be fatal, smoking may, be even more hazardous than has been hitherto recognized."

They based their report on a study of 40 patients with chronic "obstructive pulmonary emphysema," all of whom had been heavy smokers of cigarettes.

The report, by Drs. Frank C. Lowell, William Franklin

W. Schiller, of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, said none of the patients observed had unusual lung symptoms before the age of 40.

They added that 10 cases of stomach ulcers and two of lung cancer also were found among the group. They described the coincidences as "interesting points for speculation."

The association of smoking with emphysema "cannot be explained on the basis of chance," they reported, because 100 percent of the patients studied were heavy smokers.

Attack Color Bar

By the Associated Press.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 1.—Suit was filed in Federal Court yesterday by a group of St. Petersburg Negroes who contended they had the right to use the Municipal Spa Beach and Swimming Pool and other swimming facilities operated by the city.

NOTE: DISCUSSED THIS WITH MR HOYT, WHO INFORMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THIS STUDY, ANOTHER IS DUE TO APPEAR IN NEXT DAY OR TWO SUGGESTING THAT DOCTORS FOREGO SMOKING AS AN EXAMPLE TO THEIR PATIENTS.

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