

British Report Says Smokers Have Higher Lung Cancer Rate

By the Associated Press

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A smoker is in greater danger of developing cancer of the lung than a non-smoker, British medical scientists reported yesterday.

Arsenic in some types of tobacco may be responsible, they added.

The Medical Research Council reported to the House of Commons that its continuing investigations have corroborated previous research that indicated lung cancer is related to the habit of smoking.

It said investigations in the United States produced similar findings.

King George VI's recent operation for removal of all or part of a lung and a sharp increase in the number of lung cancer cases in this country have heightened medical and public interest in the disease.

Although the exact nature of the King's illness never has been officially disclosed, medical men have indicated privately that judging from the nature of the operation and the period of convalescence, it must have been a cancer.

The Medical Research Council is government-subsidized and con-

trolled, but also accepts funds from private sources.

Death rates from cancer of the lung are lower in the country than in cities, it reported today.

Country dwellers have been found to smoke less than city residents, but it is not known yet whether the difference can account for the difference in the prevalence of lung cancer, it added.

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