

of McGill University. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. George E. Armstrong, president of the American College of Surgeons; Dr. W. J. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., and Sir Berkeley Moynihan, of London. The last named made an interesting present of a mace, which he brought from the Consulting Surgeons of Great Britain as a fraternal gift. Sir Berkeley also delivered the John B. Murphy Oration on Surgery.

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### CONTROL OF CANCER

Statement made by Dr. Harvey R. Gaylord, one of the Directors of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, 25 West 45th Street, New York City, and Director of the State Institute for the Study of Malignant Diseases, Buffalo, New York:

"The people of the State of New York will want to receive a statement on the stewardship of the purchase of 21.4 grams of radium for which \$225,000 was appropriated by the State, and announcement of which was made by Governor Smith a few days ago.

"I am very glad to take this opportunity both in the name of the Institute for the Study of Malignant Disease, the State and the American Society for the Control of Cancer which supported this purchase to say these words:

"The experiment in state ownership of a therapeutic agent, as exemplified in the purchase of this radium for social utility will have a far reaching effect. This is a development of state medicine to which no one can object and Governor Smith deserves the thanks of the State for what he did.

"Any citizen of the United States", said Doctor Gaylord, "may avail himself gratuitously after October 15th of treatment with the 21.4 grams valued at \$225,000, recently purchased by New York State and the first gram of which was delivered by the Radio Chemical Corporation of New York last week. Preference, however, will be given to citizens of New York State.

"The first gram is now in the vaults of the Institute at Buffalo and the appliances necessary for its use in the treatment of cancer are now in course of construction. The engagement of a competent physicist to work with this radium is also announced. The radium we are using is an American product, mined in Colorado, brought 2,900 miles across the continent in the form of 125 tons of carnotite ore to the extraction plant at Orange, N.J., where it was reduced by fractional crystallization to its present state.