

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PROGRAM

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Description: In this interview segment, ER and Dr. Leonard Shields, Surgeon General of the Public Health Department, discuss the opening of a new clinical center at the National Institute of Health.

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[ER:] This Friday at the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C., the cornerstone is being laid for a clinical center for medical research, which will serve the people of the nation and the world in the fight against disease in the years to come. I have with me, Dr. Leonard Shields, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, to tell us about this great health center.

[Dr. Leonard Shields:] Thank you, Mrs. Roosevelt. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to speak to your listeners about our clinical center. I know that you have a special interest in our work because of your deep and abiding concern for the welfare of our own people and the people of other nations. The new clinical center is the result of many years of planning and work. Long ago, we in the Public Health Service began to plan for an institution where physicians and scientists could work shoulder to shoulder in their attack on disease. The new structure, being dedicated today by President Truman, is the culmination of those plans. When it is completed, it will be the only large combined laboratory hospital in the world, especially designed for research on a group of important chronic diseases: cancer, heart disease, mental, metabolic and neurological diseases and blindness. Here, in the years ahead, we will be able to answer fundamental questions, common to the wide range of unsolved medical problems, which take a high toll of life among our people and impose misery and tragedy on many more. The close coordination of basic and clinical research, within the walls of a single hospital, will help to reduce the usual time lag between a laboratory discovery and its use for the benefit of patients. This time lag has been a barrier to medical progress. For example, it was several years after the value of penicillin was established before we were able to put penicillin to work in the actual treatment of disease. The same thing was true of the sulfur drugs. Because it is a research center, patients will be selected from those persons suffering from specific diseases and conditions, which are under investigation. As in any research institutions, these investigations will vary in direction from time to time. As for the physical details, the new clinical center will have a total of five hundred beds. The patients will be selected from all over the country, with the aid of local physicians. The comfort and wellbeing of every patient who comes to the center will, of course, be of primary importance. Each patient will receive the best medical care including surgery, nursing, psychiatry, and all other specialized services. We have made special provisions, for recreational facilities and for the rehabilitation of our patients, in order to make their stay at the hospital pleasant and to help them adjust to living again with their families and in their communities. The construction of the clinical center will be completed by the latter part of 1952. A few special patients will be admitted in January 1953, and full operation will be reached about a year later. The cornerstone ceremony this afternoon at Bethesda, Maryland will have deep significance in symbolizing continued progress in man's fight against our universal enemies: illness and death. A great medical research tradition that began in the public health service in the 1880s will be advanced immeasurably by this new national institution. It will be a center of scientific progress which should not only stimulate government medical research but should benefit medical research in hospitals, medical schools and other institutions throughout the country. It is a symbol of our basic national aspiration, the peaceful pursuit of health and happiness in a free society. [Break 3:50-4:02][ER:] It's a terrible thing to see a little child that is too exhausted, too starved even to cry. But that describes thousands of youngsters in Korea today, often victims of war, helpless and lost. Won't you help these children? Your ten dollars speeds a care package

of food or warm underclothing to them. Care for Korea is working night and day to help these babies. Do your share. Contribute today to Care for Korea. 20 Broadstreet, New York, or your local Care office.

[Break: 4:46-5:10]

[Ben Grauer:] Friends, this is Ben Grauer speaking. Are you looking for something new and different in cheese that is economical at the same time? Well, here it is. Juliana, a brand new cheese with an old world flavor. Yes, newly arrived from the heart of Holland, Juliana is the result of age old Dutch cheese formula. It's truly delicious and nutritious, through and through. Julianna comes to you in two types. The tasty tangy Gouda spread for quick sandwiches or for crackers, or the mild and mellow Gouda and Edem wedges for salads, sauces and with pie. And here's the best news of all, the kind that will thrill the pennywise housewife. Juliana gives you the luxury of imported cheese at prices the same or lower than domestic brands, so that ounce for ounce, when you buy Juliana cheese, it costs you no more to enjoy the best. Start today by treating yourself to a package of Juliana imported cheese. At all chain and independent grocers, it's Juliana brand, your best choice in cheese. Now Elliott has a question from a listener. (6:27)

Yes, a visit with Mrs. Roosevelt's interesting guest for today. But first, here is a quick trick for more satisfying warm weather meals. When the weather calls for chilled salads and cold cuts, start the meal with big bowls of delicious Habitant pea soup. It's only a couple minutes to heat and serve, there is nothing to add. And Habitant pea soup really just hits the spot. You see, it's a really old time Quebec style soup, hearty and nourishing. The kind of soup that makes Dad and all the youngsters say "More." There are other Habitant warm weather favorites too. Habitant vegetable soup, just chock full of tender, delicious garden vegetables, and Habitant onion soup, the real French kind made with rich broth, new onions and plenty of butter. Start your pantry shelf with Habitant soups for quick, easy, thoroughly satisfying warm weather meals. Now to meet Mrs. Roosevelt's noted guest today and here's Elliott.

[Break: 7:29-7:40]

[Ben Grauer:] Yes, time for our regular midway pause before we return to Mrs. Roosevelt and Colonel Hallaren. This is WNBC, AM and FM, New York and you are listening to the Eleanor Roosevelt Program, recorded in Mrs. Roosevelt's living room in the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York. Are you a veteran? Then listen to this very reasonable statement from the Veteran's Administration. "The VA cannot serve you if it does not know where you live. And yet a good many veterans move to a new address and forget to tell the VA about it. What happens? Well, if you are receiving compensation, subsistence or some other payment and your check is mailed to an address where you no longer live, that check cannot be forwarded it has to go back to the Treasury. It has to stay there until the Veteran's Administration is able to find your present, correct address. It is so easy to avoid such delays. As soon as you are ready to move to a new address, get a Change of Address form from your nearest VA office. Fill it out, sign it and mail it in. If you hold GI insurance, you'll notice there is a Change of Address space on that regular premium notice you get. So fill it out, sign and mail it back. That way there will be no trouble about the Veteran's Administration knowing exactly where you live. You'll be helping the VA to give you the kind of service you want. Alright, Elliott.

[Break: 9:05-9:14]

[Ben Grauer:] And our thanks to Mrs. Roosevelt's guest, Colonel Mary Hallaren, the forthright, vigorous and thoroughly willing personality of the head of the Women's Army Corps, or the WACs as it is popularly known, Colonel Hallaren. Now, here's a message from the makers of joy.

[Break: 9:35-9:45]

[Ben Grauer:] This has been the Eleanor Roosevelt Program, recorded in Mrs. Roosevelt's living room at the Park Sheraton Hotel on the corner of 55th Street and 7th Avenue in New York City. In past weeks, Mrs. Roosevelt, following her European tour and her series of interviews with personalities from France, England, Switzerland, uh Mrs. Roosevelt has been bringing us closer to the domestic scene and today her guest was the head of the WAC, the Women's Army Corps, Colonel Mary Hallaren. Tomorrow, on Thursday, Mrs. Roosevelt is going somewhat afield in her guest list, by bringing to her microphone an interesting personality in a somewhat exotic field, Ahmed Kassem Gouda, a prominent Egyptian journalist and radio newscaster. Mrs. Roosevelt will discuss with Mr. Gouda some of the facets of his work which relate to world affairs and the place of Egypt in current world tensions. On Friday, we are going to have a visit with the German Consul General in New York, Doctor Heinz L. Krekeler. Dr. Krekeler is the ranking German representative in this country. It is only recently that representatives at this official level have been permitted to Germany, to West Germany, and I'm sure we will all be interested in getting a sense of his point of view, as a representative of the reconstructed world left after Hitler, in his discussion with Mrs. Roosevelt. That's for Friday. Monday and Tuesday next week, our guest list begins with Lieutenant Carl Dodd, a Korean hero, returned from the fighting there Congressional Medal of Honor winner. And on Tuesday, the well-known economist, lecturer, uh master of semantics, Stewart Chase. Mr. Chase is the author of the newly published *Roads to Agreement*, and will discuss with Mrs. Roosevelt some of the points of view which he has with his vigorous and far ranging mind. There's the guest list for the next few days with Mrs. Roosevelt and Elliott Roosevelt, who will be with you again tomorrow when Ahmed Kassem Gouda is our guest and every day, Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 1:15 pm. Till tomorrow then! This is Ben Grauer bidding you good afternoon.

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