

Cancer haunts First Lady

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Ford's doctors reported Monday that they found some cancer cells in lymph glands that were removed along with her cancerous right breast.

The doctors said they "remain optimistic for a prolonged survival," and the First Lady and President Ford were said to be pleased at the outlook.

The medical report said "microscopic involvement of cancer" was found in two of 30 lymph nodes removed Saturday from beneath the right armpit.

Statistics show that such a finding usually indicates decreased chances for a long-term cancer cure. Women who undergo surgery for breast cancer and who are found to have no cancer cells in their lymph nodes have a statistical chance of 75 per cent for five-year survival, and a 65 per cent chance of living for 10 years.

Women found to have cancer cells in one or more of their lymph nodes have a 50 per cent chance of surviving for five years, and a 25 per cent chance for 10-year survival.

Arriving for a hospital visit Monday night, Ford said he was optimistic about the pathology report from the doctors.

"It's, I think good, but there also are some questions raised," the President told reporters in a cautious and serious tone.

As for Mrs. Ford, he said: "With her strong, fine attitude, I think everything will work out all right."

Ford was accompanied by the

hospital by aide Donald Rumsfeld and carried several gifts for his wife from friends and a get-well card from members of the Secret Service.

Emerging from the 80-minute visit, the President reported that his wife was "feeling much, much better" and was showing "great improvement."

"She gave me a hard time about a couple of things, so she must be feeling better," he said with a smile.

The doctors issued their report after reviewing the final pathological findings on tissues taken during Saturday's surgery.

Mrs. Ford, meanwhile, was reported making good progress Monday in her recovery.

"The doctors describe her spirit as beautiful today," a White House spokesman told reporters at Bethesda, Md., Naval Medical Center.

The doctors offered this prognosis:

"Considering that only two of the lymph nodes were involved, and that there is no clinical evidence of cancer spread to other areas, her doctors remain optimistic for a prolonged survival."

Because cancer was found outside the breast, the doctors said they will decide now whether Mrs. Ford should undergo x-ray or chemical treatments.

"During Mrs. Ford's post-operative recovery period, special diagnostic studies will be performed to determine whether X-ray therapy, hormonal therapy or

chemotherapy should be instituted in order to ensure maximum treatment of this cancer," the medical bulletin said.

Navy Capt. William Fouty, the hospital's chief of surgery, who performed the operation, told Mrs. Ford the findings of the pathology report.

President Ford was informed by Rear Adm. William Lukash, the White House physician.

The pathology report concluded: "The doctors said the President and Mrs. Ford were pleased by the optimistic outlook."

William Roberts, a White House spokesman at the hospital, said Mrs. Ford was progressing well in her recovery from surgery. "Her discomfort is steadily decreasing and she has required less pain medication," he said.

Fouty said after the operation Saturday that the pathology report would determine what further treatment will be required for the 56-year-old First Lady.

Dr. Fouty said that the operation "removed all growth tumor." And he said Saturday "there was no evidence of any remaining tumor." But when he was asked whether that meant there was no further malignancy, the doctor said, "I don't think one can make the statement that she has been relieved of all malignancy."

He was asked then if it would be an ominous sign if the pathological tests show there has been some malignancy in the lymphatic tissue.

Fouty replied: "This would not be particularly an ominous sign. It would not be particularly a bad sign. People do respond to further therapy." But, he added, "There would be no more surgical procedures done because all of this tissue would be removed."

The pathology examination involved tissues from the entire breast and lymph gland tissues from under the armpit that were removed in the surgery.

The daily hospital bulletin issued at 11:00 a.m. Monday reported Mrs. Ford's condition as good. It said she had a much more restful night, awakening only once for medication.

She took fluids Monday morning for the first time since the operation, and the doctors said she had been sitting in a chair and walking for short intervals.

Socialist party asks for right of privacy

AUSTIN (AP) — The Socialist Workers Party asked a federal court Monday to keep Texas election officials from forcing the party to disclose its supporters and friends.

"These laws represent a clear breach of the right to associational privacy and political anonymity and have the effect of discouraging support to Socialist Workers candidates," said Sherry Smith, the party's candidate for governor, in announcing the suit filed in Houston.

The suit, prepared by the American Civil Liberties Union, seeks a temporary restraining order that would let the Socialist Workers Party withhold the names of con-

tributors on Oct. 7, the deadline under a new state campaign reporting law.

"In this situation, for us to turn over the names and addresses of our contributors means to supply Secretary of State Mark White with a ready-made 'enemies list' of individuals who will become new targets for harassment," said Ms. Smith, a long time feminist activist from Houston, at a news conference here.

She claimed the party had "documented dozens of incidents of harassment, from the machine-gunning and bombing of our campaign office to the admitted infiltration by the Houston police."

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Research gives new hope for breast cancer victims

WASHINGTON (AP)—New research results that hold hopeful promise of increased survival and less surgical disfigurement for breast cancer victims were reported Monday by some of the nation's leading breast cancer scientists.

They met at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., a Washington suburb. The meeting was scheduled some time ago, but by coincidence First Lady Betty Ford was recovering from breast cancer surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital across the street from the cancer institute.

The scientists were told that a two-year study of breast cancer victims has found tentative similar results for the radical form of surgery and the simpler form.

The standard radical mastectomy, like that performed on Mrs. Ford, involves removal of the cancerous breast, the underlying chest muscles and part of the lymph system under the armpit. The simpler procedure is removal of the breast only.

Other studies reported Monday found that anti-cancer drugs used after surgery have increased

patient's survival rates.

Other investigations have shown promising results in identifying women for whom hormone therapy following surgery is effective.

The reports were delivered by the National Cancer Institute's Breast Cancer Task Force, a research group composed of doctors and scientists from throughout the country. Organized in 1967, the task force will spend nearly \$8 million on research this year.

NCI officials and independent scientists repeatedly stressed Monday the tentative nature of the new findings.

Some expressed concern that additional publicity surrounding the conference as a result of Mrs. Ford's surgery might raise false hopes among breast cancer victims around the country.

"It should be emphasized that these findings are tentative and do not, by themselves, represent major breakthroughs," a summary of research results said.

"More time and more study will be needed to document long-term results and to improve our techniques."

Dr. Nathaniel I. Berlin, an NCI scientist who heads the task force, warned against over-interpretation of the findings.

Dr. Bernard Fisher of the University of Pittsburgh reported on a two-year study of 1,700 breast cancer patients treated surgically. The study found no difference among survival rates between patients who received the radical mastectomy or the simple mastectomy.

But Fisher and other doctors emphasized that two years is not long enough to follow patients to determine if the simpler surgery is clearly superior. Breast cancer survival rates are measured in terms of five years or ten years.

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Educators register for conference

Science teachers and educators will preregister for the 21st annual Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching before the Oct. 18 sign-up deadline.

The conference, known as CAST '74, runs Nov. 7-9 at the Rudder Conference Tower and will include teacher workshops and addresses by three Nobel Prize winners.

The three Nobel speakers at the conference general sessions will be Norman Borlaug, 1970 Nobel Peace Prize winner; Robert Hofstadter, 1961 Nobel winner in physics and Willard Libby, 1960 Nobel winner in chemistry.

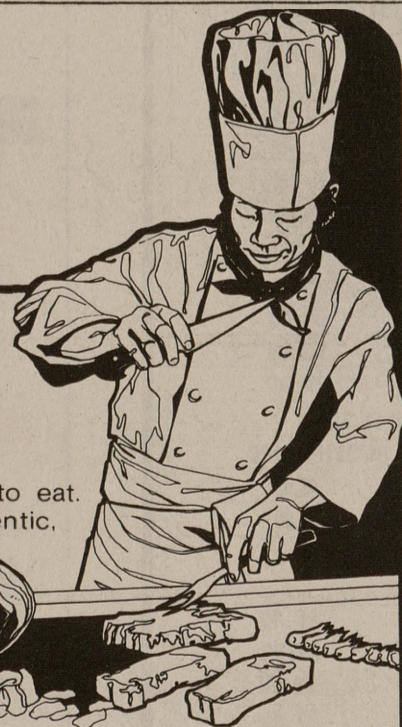
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