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STONE(Y) SILENCE DIDN'T SAVE HIS JOB; NIAMDD'S RALL RUMORED AS TOP CHOICE AS NEW NIH DIRECTOR

Robert S. Stone made it clear when he took over 18 months ago as NIH director that he did not intend to make the mistake his predecessor had, of openly criticizing Nixon Administration policies regarding research funding and training program cuts.

"Whatever differences I have will be fought out behind closed doors," Stone told reporters. He refused to comment on the burning issues then—budget cuts for everyone at NIH except NCI and the Heart & Lung Institute, and the attempt to kill research training support.

Robert Marston had been fired by Nixon after speaking out against the cuts, creating a storm of protest over the so-called "politicizing" of the NIH directorship.

Stone was relatively unknown to the biomedical research community, and had been hired because he had the reputation and background of solid administrator. He was dean of the medical school and vice president for health sciences at the Univ. of New Mexico.

Apparently, Stone's "closed-door" battles with HEW headquarters and the Office of Management & Budget were no easier for the Ford Administration to swallow than Marston's public comments had been

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In Brief

WAYS & MEANS SHAKEUP MEANS MORE LIBERAL HEALTH INSURANCE BILL; OMB'S NUTTY RATIONALE FOR CUTS

IMPACT on the National Cancer Program of the startling changes in composition and leadership of the House Ways & Means Committee could be significant. It almost certainly means that a more liberal and extensive national health insurance bill will come out of the committee in the next Congress, and with more liberals in both houses, chances of such legislation being passed are greater. Sen. Edward Kennedy's plan would pay virtually all medical expenses, including those of cancer patients, which could end the arguments over who should pay costs of patients involved in research. . . . **NCI'S VIROLOGY** program has been cut \$2 million for fiscal 1975, the money being switched to environmental carcinogenesis studies. . . . **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET** came up with this far-fetched rationale for denying funds for construction of new cancer facilities: since NCI is funding at most 60% of approved grant applications, there must be a lot of space available at research institutions around the country that should be utilized before new structures are built. Also, creating more space now will add to future demands for more operational funds to keep that space utilized. Really! . . . **UNREALISTIC** budget recision proposed by the President has forced NCI to stop all new grant awards, until the situation is resolved. Only renewals and those new awards that were previously committed are being paid.

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for the Nixon Administration. (In both cases, the Administration participants were virtually the same—HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Asst. Secretary for Health Charles Edwards, OMB Director Roy Ash and his principal aide in the health field, Paul O'Neill).

One significant addition to the HEW hierarchy since Stone came to NIH was Theodore Cooper, who moved up from director of the Heart & Lung Institute to become Edwards' top deputy.

"When Cooper went downtown (to HEW headquarters) the handwriting was on the wall for Stone," an NIH executive told *The Cancer Newsletter*.

Cooper reportedly has not been impressed by Stone's day-to-day administration of NIH. Cooper and Edwards felt that Stone's response to their requests for development of long-range plans was not adequate. And they felt he had not faced up to such problems as determining what the balance should be between basic and applied research, and what the role of NIH should be in the delivery of health services.

Whatever Stone's failures may have been, one obviously was not a willingness to be a pawn for the HEW and OMB brass as some had feared he would be. His "behind-the-scenes" battles for the NIH budget were bloody ones.

Stone continued his policy of not commenting on Administration actions even after Edwards asked for his resignation. Despite unattributed explanations of the action from HEW, Stone declined offers by newsmen to tell his side of it; he even refused to talk with his hometown newspaper in Albuquerque.

Even before Stone's dismissal became known, the name of Joseph E. Rall was being discussed by NIH senior executives as the possible new director. Rall is director of intramural research in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases.

Rall has been at NIAMDD since 1955, received his MD degree from Northwestern and PhD from the Univ. of Minnesota. He is an endocrinologist, worked at Sloan-Kettering and in the Army Medical Corps before coming to NIH. His brother, David, is director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Another possibility is Cooper himself. After Marston was fired, Cooper did not deny that he was interested in the job and, in fact, was the near-unanimous choice of other NIH executives. He had been extremely effective in running the Heart & Lung Institute and handled a variety of extra assignments in brilliant fashion, including an exhaustive study of the medical device regulation problem and a report on the tough questions of what funding mechanisms should be used for biomedical research.

Edwards passed over Cooper at that time, appar-

ently saving him for better things. And since Edwards has said several times he expects to leave the government in the near future, it would seem that Cooper is his logical successor.

"I think Ted would rather run NIH," an NCI staff member said. "That has always been his goal."

FOUR CIDAC CONTRACTS WILL GO TO CANCER RESEARCH CENTERS; RFPs COMING OUT SOON

RFPs will go out no later than February and possibly in January for the establishment of four Cancer Information Dissemination and Analysis Centers (CIDAC) as a key part of NCI's International Cancer Research Data Bank (ICRDB).

Another RFP for a fifth center related to the CIDAC program also is being prepared to establish a Current Cancer Research Project Analysis Center (CCRPAC).

Bidding on the four CIDACs will be limited to cancer research centers, while CCRPAC probably will go to a computer management firm to handle the routine abstracting, indexing and computer processing to support the CIDAC contractors.

Each CIDAC will be responsible only for a specific area:

1. Cancer detection, diagnosis, and therapy. This will include cancer chemotherapy information, both clinical and preclinical; clinical aspects of other types of therapy (radiation therapy, immunotherapy, endocrine therapy, combination therapy, surgery); clinical aspects of methods for detection, diagnosis, and prognosis; all aspects of cancer patient care and rehabilitation; and other cancer control-related data.

2. Chemical, environmental, and physical carcinogenesis and epidemiology information. This will include chemical carcinogenesis and studies of chemical carcinogenesis; environmental and occupational carcinogenesis; radiation carcinogenesis; endocrine-related carcinogenesis; carcinogenesis induced by plastics, mineral oil, and other agents; epidemiology of human cancer and similar studies of animal populations; and cancer prevention.

3. Cancer virology information. This will include all aspects of virus causation of cancer in humans and animals; immunology of cancer viruses; replication and other biology of cancer viruses, including mechanism of cell transformation; and antiviral agents as related to cancer virology.

4. Cancer biology information. This will include cancer immunology other than clinical immunotherapy and immunology of cancer viruses; cancer biochemistry; cancer cell biology (kinetics, metastasis, invasiveness, vascularization, cell membrane biology); mechanism and control of cell division and tumor growth rate; endocrine-related aspects of cancer other than clinical endocrine therapy and endocrine-related carcinogenesis; and radiation biology of cancer other than clinical radiotherapy and radiation carcinogenesis.

Each CIDAC will have a scientific director whose expertise is in the area for which his contract is responsible.

ICRDB is in operation with CANCERLINE, the on-line cancer information system which makes available abstracts derived from published results of cancer research. This data base is located at the National Library of Medicine, a component of NIH. The system is available at all terminals linked to the NLM computer system. NCI reports that CANCERLINE is being used extensively by investigators around the U.S. both for on-line searchers and off-line printouts.

The CIDACs will carry the information dissemination one step further. They won't wait for investigators to ask for information: they will be charged with the task of actively and rapidly sending out data on specific subjects to researchers working in those fields.

NCI will identify from among its own grantees and contractors investigators who will automatically receive what NCI says will be a "steady stream of summaries of research results in the specific subject areas." Other investigators may be placed on the distribution lists by submitting their project descriptions to NCI.

The CIDAC summaries will be based on descriptions of on-going cancer research projects; abstracts of cancer research results presented at meetings; abstracts published in journals; abstracts describing books, reports and other monographs; citations of published articles (for fast alerting services); and summaries of cancer therapy protocols.

About 15,800 abstracts are now available for on-line searching. These summarize reports published between 1967 and 1972. By early 1975, the system will contain about 5,000 additional therapy abstracts for 1973 and 1974, approximately 18,000 carcinogenesis abstracts and 6,000 descriptions of ongoing cancer research projects.

Copies of plans describing CIDAC may be obtained by writing to John Schneider, ICRDB program director, NCI, Bldg 31 Room 4B43, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

NEW GRANTS AND AWARDS

The cancer research fellowship awards announced by NIH for June 1974 are continued here from last week.

CALIFORNIA

Univ. of California (Berkeley)—Howard I. Amols, Ronald L. Calabrese, Frances A. Jurnak, Robert D. Kudrna, Dayton S. Misfeldt, Sarah C. O'Bryan, Jirayr R. Roubinian, Sheldon S. Shen, Leroy M. Shiraishi, Robert A. Shiurba, Thomas E. Walker.

Univ. of California (Davis)—Seymour R. Kupor, Robert H. Rice, Steven K. Wolfe, Michael B. Worley.

Univ. of California (Irvine)—James J. Mrotek.
Salk Institute—William C. Raschke, Jeffrey L. Winkelhake.

Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation—James P.

Allison, Gerald N. Callahan, Alan Liss, Bruce C. Veit, Robert Wang.

Univ. of California (San Diego)—Norman S. Anderson III, Clifford W. Bond, Jennie P. Mather, David A. Matthews, Douglas D. Redelman, Robert F. Santerre, Charles P. Van Beveren.

UCLA—Richard A. Akeson, Marietta Anthony, Janet L. Cook, Rae E. Drazin, Arramreddy L. Reddy, James L. Stewart, Courtney M. Townsend Jr.

Univ. of Southern California—Rita S. Chen, Young-Chang Chen, Gedy A. Gudauskas, Robert E. Hardy, Carl Plager.

Cal Tech—Paul B. Bell Jr., James W. Casey, Jeffrey J. Hubert, Joan L. Klotz.

Univ. of California (San Francisco)—Jean E. Howard, John J. Mantos, Candace E. McCombs, Vincent L. Morris, Oliver C. Richards, Adam P. Zipp.

Univ. of California (Santa Barbara)—David M. Johnson.

Veterans Administration Hospital (Sepulveda)—Lloyd H. Matsumoto.

Stanford Univ.—James C. Alwin, Arlene D. Blum, David D. Choie, Reginald A. Deering, Laurence Elias, David M. Humphrey, Rodney E. Kellems, Robert T. Landis II, Marilyn A. Luduena, Larry I. Lutwick, Daniel Meruelo, Charles A. Smith.

COLORADO

Univ. of Colorado (Boulder)—Masaru Imada, George E. Veomett.

Univ. of Colorado (Denver)—Lynda M. Hohmann, Alvin L. Otsuka, Wendell C. Speers, Oliver G. Stonington Jr.

Colorado State Univ.—Michael E. Ford, Terrol F. Winsor.

GEORGIA

Univ. of Georgia—Dale E. Brabham, Thomas J. Guilfoyle.

Emory Univ.—James M. Oleske.

HAWAII

Univ. of Hawaii (Manoa)—Robert A. Mathews.

ILLINOIS

Michael Reese Hospital (Chicago)—Thomas W. Bednar.

Northwestern Univ.—Mary L. Christensen.

Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's—John E. Estes, Richard F. Mortensen.

Univ. of Chicago—Narasimhan Krishnamachari, Charles E. Nelson, Randall F. Pritchett, Esther M. Schechter.

Univ. of Illinois (Urbana)—Robert N. Leamson, Joyce A. McMillan.

MISSOURI

Washington Univ.—Stewart F. Cramer, Ronald C. Merrell, Elna T. Phelan, Stephen G. Zimmer.

NEW JERSEY

Princeton Univ.—Navin K. Sinha, Michael D. Topal.

NEW YORK

Roswell Park—Stephen M. Adams, Peter M. Kanter, Carl S. Kim, Carmen A. Mannella, Richard P. McPart-

land, Richard G. Moran.

SUNY (Buffalo)—Yau-Kwan Ho, John M. MacIntyre, P.G. Potti.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory—Richard E. Gelinas, Yu-Hwa E. Wang.

Cornell Univ.—Chih-Yung Ho, Michael E. Long, Howard G. Shertzer.

Mount Sinai—Hasan H. Syed.

Columbia Univ.—Timothy H. Carter.

Memorial Hospital—Martin C. Graham.

New York Univ.—John T. Chabora, Theodore T. Finkelstein, Stephen P. Lerman.

Rockefeller Univ.—Gary K. Coffman, Abraham Pinter, Jay E. Valinsky, Barbara A. Wolf, Mary J. Yagi.

Sloan-Kettering—William J. Ball Jr., Norman T. Berlinger, Thomas E. Carey, Nancy G. Famulari, Andrejs Liepins, Moshe Schmidt, Lewis M. Slater, Harry W. Snyder Jr.

SUNY (Optometry)—Victor J. Stevens.

Univ. of Rochester—Jerome M. Lazar, Ann C. Spataro.

SUNY (Upstate)—Yvonne Y. Chi.

NORTH CAROLINA

Univ. of North Carolina—June R. Carver.

Duke Univ.—Walter D. Holder Jr., Lawrence S. Koons, Donald F. Mandetta.

OHIO

Univ. of Cincinnati—Thomas G. Wood.

Case Western Reserve Univ.—David E. Amacher, David A. Forsyth, Betty W. Olson, Bill D. Roebuck.

Ohio State Univ.—Leslie Laufman, Thomas M. O'Dorisio, Harry M. Olson.

OREGON

Oregon State Univ.—David E. Jensen, Gary L. Trammell.

Univ. of Oregon (Eugene)—Samir A. Mansy.

Univ. of Oregon (Portland)—Corinne C. Sherton.

PENNSYLVANIA

Institute for Cancer Research—Samuel G. Franklin, Michael A. Sirover.

Lankenau Hospital—John C. Bloom.

Univ. of Pennsylvania—DuPont Guerry IV, Zdenka L. Jonak, Florence Lewis, William S. Thayer.

Wistar Institute—David P. Aden, Chin C. Howe, H. Paul Madore.

Univ. of Pittsburgh—William A. Joyce.

TENNESSEE

Univ. of Tennessee (Knoxville)—Linda L. Munchausen.

St. Jude's Children's Hospital (Memphis)—Gary V. Dahl, Parma C. Davis Jr., Elizabeth I. Thompson.

Oak Ridge Associated Universities—Guy D. Griffin, John M. Quarles Jr., Clare B. Skov.

TEXAS

Univ. of Texas (Austin)—Wesley K. Tanaka.

Baylor—Mary E. Bordelon, Shirley A. McCormack, Rice Univ.—Howard D. Showalter.

Univ. of Texas (Houston)—Willis L. Kirkland, Warren J. Pledger.

Univ. of Texas Cancer Center—John M. Bedwinek, Ratna Datta, James E. Hays, Frank G. Lake III, Robert E. Rentschler, William J. Spanos Jr.

UTAH

Univ. of Utah—Karl M. Schram.

VIRGINIA

Univ. of Virginia—William T. Cave Jr., Gary A. Howie, Warren L. Sunshine.

WASHINGTON

Washington State Univ.—Brent D. Jones.

Univ. of Washington—Stephen K. Farrand, Jan M. Friedman, John S. Sundsmo.

WISCONSIN

Univ. of Wisconsin—James W. Holder, Bruce W. Booth, Jerome J. Jendrisak, Anne S. Mosser, Robert A. Mufson, Chun-Nan Shih.

Medical College of Wisconsin—William E. Antholine.

AUSTRALIA

Royal Melbourne Hospital—Michele E. Barg.

ISRAEL

Weizmann Institute—Anshel E. David, Barbara Hoffman.

SWEDEN

Univ. of Lund—Glenn D. Steele Jr.

Univ. of Uppsala—Arthur K. Kimura.

SWITZERLAND

Univ. of Basel—Mitchel B. Sayare.

Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research—Byron M. Gallis.

Univ. of Zurich—Linda M. Cashion.

UNITED KINGDOM

Univ. of Cambridge—Brian E. Hingerty.

Univ. of Glasgow—Leona C. Fitzmaurice.

Imperial Cancer Research Fund (London)—Richard C. Condit, Lois K. Miller, Bradford W. Ozanne, Ralph A. Rosenberg.

Univ. of London—Richard L. Nelson Jr., Donald M. Silver.

Univ. of Oxford—Herbert J. Monie.

RESEARCH CAREER PROGRAM AWARDS

NEW YORK

Cold Spring Harbor—Robert E. Pollack.

CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

CONNECTICUT

Yale Univ.—Joseph Bertino, remodeling new cancer facility, \$3,581,092.

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