

GENERAL SCIENCE

Making Aged Healthy Seen As Way to Lasting Peace

► BY MAKING old age healthy medical scientists can lay the foundations for lasting world peace, Dr. Edward J. Stieglitz of Washington, D. C., declared at the medical research conference on clinical problems of lasting peace held at the Smith, Kline and French Laboratories in Philadelphia.

"Longevity," he declared, "is here. We are entering an age of age."

He sees "true hope" in this, because "maturing mankind should become finer, wiser, and more tolerant. Such maturity, possible only with health into later years, may even give to the world a lasting peace."

Being healthy in older years is first of all a responsibility of the aging person himself. Doctors and medical service schemes can never give health to anyone, Dr. Stieglitz warned.

"Health, like esteem, must be earned," he said. "But it is the responsibility of medical science and practice to discover the causative factors responsible for premature depreciation and the means of their prevention, and to guide and advise those who want to stay well."

"There is much known which is not fully applied, but there is more which we need to know. Thus, scientific research into all of the many facets of health maintenance and construction is the cornerstone upon which we may hope to build a more peaceful, because more mature, world."

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► LISTEN in to a discussion on "Combating Industrial Health Hazards" on "Adventures in Science" over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 3:15 p.m. EST, Saturday, April 2. Dr. James H. Sterner, director of Eastman Kodak Company's Industrial Medical Department and president of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Frank A. Patty, director of the Industrial Hygiene Service of General Motors Corporation, and L. V. Taylor, supervisor of the Health and Safety Division of the American Can Company, will be guests of Watson Davis, director of Science Service. These leaders in industrial hygiene will preview the news that will come out of the meetings of medical authorities being held in Detroit for a week beginning that day. Experts will discuss the dangers of atomic radiation, how to prevent deaths from smog and industrial fumes and the new menace of beryllium poisoning that may be caused by careless breaking of fluorescent tubes.

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