

It frustrates the mind and rends the heart to know that during this year—this year 1964—some 300,000 Americans will have died of cancer, in one form or another. This is an appalling figure to contemplate. But it is gratifying to know, as has been reported recently, that more than 1,300,000 Americans alive today have been cured of cancer and that it is expected that another 183,000 Americans will be saved in 1965. This means that the seeds which have been sown, by organizations such as yours and many others, are producing a harvest. And although we are a long way from any satisfactory achievement in the prevention and cure of cancer, enough progress has been made to give us the hope that in the not too distant future a way will be found to wipe out this terrible scourge. But until that day is at hand, we cannot for a moment, in any good conscience, slacken our pace or relax our effort. To do so would be a shameful neglect of our responsibility.

The great national organization, of which this chapter is an affiliate, performs a valuable service to the people by treating and curing the victims of cancer. With other agencies and institutions, it also has recognized the vital importance of research in our overall effort to determine the causes of cancer and to devise a cure for the disease.

We are all deeply indebted to the American Medical Center for the splendid work it has done in all the areas of cancer prevention and cancer cure. May I encourage you to continue in your efforts to reach this important goal.

In conclusion, let me say once more that it is a pleasure to be your guest at this dinner. And may I repeat that I am deeply grateful for the high honor you have conferred upon me.

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REMARKS IN HONOR OF DR. PERRY F. PRATHER

BALTIMORE

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I am honored tonight to have this privilege of joining with you in paying tribute to one of the most dedicated, unselfish and inspiring public servants it has been my pleasure to know for many years, Dr. Perry F. Prather.

I can well understand why the members of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, the staff of the State Department of Health and the many friends and associates of Dr. Prather were so anxious to