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~~STERLING REYNOLDS~~
and
JACK LEAHY

While at Redwood City [illegible] weeks ago, Mr. Jack Leahy asked what the last X-ray pictures of him showed, since he was having some chest trouble. I did not give Mr. Leahy a definite answer other than we would have the plates checked.

A short while previous to this, Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Hurrell if he could have an explanation of his recent X-ray pictures, since he (Reynolds) had gone to his personal doctor in connection with his health.

A check of the X-ray plates at Lompoc, indicate the following:

JACK LEAHY

Mr. Leahy was originally examined by Dr. Lloyd Bryan of San Francisco, on October 30, 1935 and was re-examined by Dr. Robert A. Powers of Palo Alto, on June 23, 1942.

On October 30, 1935 Dr. Bryan reported as follows:

"Chest

Some thickening of the pleura at both apices. Small area of fibrosis in the base of the right upper lobe extending well out toward the axilla with calcification about the mila. Large calcified nodule at the level of the sternalend of the second rib. Moderate enlargement of the hilar shadows. Some diffuse increase in the peribronchial markings toward the bases. These changes are due to an old healed fibrotic tuberculosis."

From the above you will note Dr. Bryan reports an old healed fibretic tuberculosis.

On the examination by Dr. Powers, June 23, 1942, he states the following:

"Chest - (Stereoscospic projections) recheck)

The thorax is slightly asymmetrical. There is a little pleural thickening over the right apex. There is considerable increase in the smaller bronchovascular markings in both lung fields. Stringy shadows extend out from the right hilum and there is a generalized haziness, presumably due to pleural thickening over the bases. There is one enlarged node in the peritracheal region. Disphragm shadows are somewhat irregular. The cardiac shadow does not appear appreciably enlarged, although there is slightly increased convexity of the apex.

"Conclusion-

Changes seen are consistent with asbestosis."

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Vandiver Brown, (Reynolds & Leahy, Redwood City)

We have had both of these pictures examined by Dr. Anderson at the Lompoc ... and he feels that Leahy has an infectious involvement of some type either tuberculosis or fungus. Dr. Anderson recommends that a further clinical study be made including tuberculin tests, tests for fungus infection etc. Unfortunately we do not have any clinical studies on this man, and it is difficult for a doctor to give a definite diagnosis.

STERLING REYNOLDS

Mr. Reynolds was originally examined by Dr. Bryan of San Francisco on October 31, 1935, whose report is as follows:

"Chest

The lung fields are clear. The apices light up well on deep inspiration and cough. Diaphragm moves well and equally Posterior mediastinum is clear. The heart and aorta are normal.

Conclusions: No Roentgen evidence of pathology."

Reynolds was re-examined by Dr. Powers of Palo Alto on July 6, 1942, whose report is as follows:

"Chest (Stereoscopic P.A. Projections) (Recheck)
There is a moderate increase in the bronchovascular markings in both hilum regions and in both lower lung fields. There is no obvious nodule formation but there is a generalized haziness over both lung fields. In the right lower lung field there is a transparent area simulating a cavity but I believe this is due to superimposed broncho vascular markings lying at different levels. The diaphragm shadows are smooth and the costophrenic sinuses are clear.

Conclusions: Increased peribronchial markings and haziness over the lung fields suggests the possibility of some early changes due to asbestosis. Comparison with any previous examination would be of value."

Dr. Anderson of Lompoc has reviewed both of Reynolds' pictures and does not feel that there is any asbestosis involvement shown in the picture. However, once again we are handicapped by a lack of clinical background, which makes it difficult for a doctor to arrive at a definite conclusion.

We are forwarding via first class, registered mail, the above series of X-Ray plates and would suggest that you have them reviewed by Dr. Gardner and advise us os his interpretation.

Within the near future some definite recommendations will have to be made to each of these men, and we would appreciate your comments with respect to our discussion of these cases with the men involved.

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