

### PLASMA RELEASE TO AID HOSPITALS

Since 1,250,000 units of blood plasma has been declared surplus by the Army and would be distributed throughout the country by the Red Cross, local hospital officials welcomed the plan yesterday by saying, "It has been a continual fight to keep up the supply and these extra units of blood plasma should ease the situation."

George R. Darden, of James Walker Memorial hospital, explained an attempt was made to keep an ample supply of the plasma, in the form of a blood bank, on hand at all times. "We do this," he reported, "by requesting persons who have been given plasma, to return the substance to us through three donors." This does not always work out, he explained, for in many cases the patients cannot return the plasma. Darden says the hospital has an ample supply of penicillin on hand

by taking advantage of every opportunity to increase the "bank" of the drug. The hospital, in an attempt to conserve the supply, has a committee composed of doctors who pass on the actual issuance of the medicant before it is given to a patient.

Sgt. B. P. Atkins, superintendent of Community hospital, expressed hope they will be included in the list of institutions which would receive a supply of the life-saving substance.

"We have a fair supply on hand," he said, "but would not have enough to combat an extreme emergency where many persons might need the treatment." The hospital asks recipients to replace the plasma whenever possible. The supply of penicillin is also adequate for normal use, he added.

Dr. W. E. Mebane, of Bulluck clinic, agreed the issuance of the plasma to hospitals would ease the continual fight which hospitals and doctors have had in keeping ahead of the demand.

He explained the clinic did not keep a "blood bank" but kept an adequate supply for any immediate

emergency. The supply is purchased direct from a pharmaceutical house, he said. The supply of penicillin at the disposal of the clinic is also adequate, he said, explaining the clinic had built up a supply whenever the opportunity had presented itself.

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, the Red Cross will distribute enough plasma to meet civilian needs for perhaps two years. This represents some 2,000,000 blood donations, it was explained.

The Red Cross announcement said plans call for "every acceptable hospital in every community" to have plasma on hand "ready for instant use in the treatment of any patient without charge for the product."

### JAP COLLABORATOR DIES WHEN SUPPLY OF DRUG RUNS OUT

PEIPING, Dec. 27.—(P)—Wang Keh-min, leading North China collaborator with the Japanese, died in the military prison here Christmas Day of an illness which local newspapers asserted resulted from his inability to obtain opium, to which he was said to have been addicted.

Official biographies differ as to whether Wang was 66 or 70 years old. A native of Hangchow, he was educated in Japan, served there five years as counselor of the old Chinese Imperial Legation, and later was Finance Minister and held other high posts in the Chinese republic.

In 1937, when the Japanese invaded North China, Wang came out of retirement to head the Japanese-sponsored provisional government. In 1939, when the Japanese established a puppet rule over all occupied China, he became chairman of North China political affairs. He retired prior to the Japanese surrender, but was arrested on a treason charge Dec. 5.

### Canadian National Ends Year With Cash Surplus

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 27.—(P)—A cash surplus of \$25,000,000 from 1945 operations, an increase of \$2,000,000 over that of 1944, was reported today by R. C. Vaughn, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways.

Noting the heavy wartime loads handled by the system, Vaughn said more than 600 special trains were required to transport homecoming troops, with 16 such trains called for by a single arrival of the "Queen Elizabeth." Heavy movement of repatriated troops is expected to continue until early next summer, he said.

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