

LONGER LIVES ARE SEEN FOR HUMANS

New York.—Prediction that science can find a way to further extend the span of human life was made Sunday by Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, medical director of the Life Extension Institute of New York city.

He spoke at the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is being attended by 5000 learned men and women from all parts of the United States.

Dr. Fisk declared it was wrong for man to figure that his years are numbered to the Biblical "three score and ten," and that he should spend his life figuring out how to enjoy himself rather than devising ways and means to live to a ripe old age.

The human life cycle has been greatly extended within the last 100 years by the application of scientific principles, he pointed out, but there is room for even greater achievement.

100 Years Seen Goal.
Living to the age of 100 years and longer for many people is not inconceivable, he indicated.

"I am willing to admit," he asserted, "that only a comparatively limited extension of human life—say 10 or 15 years—can be attained by simple adjustment of personal hygiene and the correction of physical defects found on periodic health examinations. It may well be that any great extension of human life, say beyond 100 years, must be attained by some specific means, especially by control of the endocrine glands. Nothing can hold back human effort in that direction."

Dr. Fisk does not believe that the life cycle of living organisms is fixed. He said there is a "subconscious conviction" that it is more or less futile to attempt to interfere with the course of nature or the plans of the deity, depending on the religious and philosophical views of the individual.

"Has it been decreed somewhere, somehow, by somebody, that the tissues of the human body, or of any other living organism, shall become lifeless within a certain length of time?" Dr. Fisk asked his audience, composed mostly of medical scientists. "With those who hold such a view purely as a matter of religious conviction, I have no quarrel, but as a scientific proposition it is untenable."

Disputing the view of some medical men that life cycles are fixed, Dr. Fisk declared:

"If a turtle lives 150 years, a horse 37 years and a human being rarely 100 years, it is no final answer to say that these varied life cycles are fixed by nature."

He pointed out that it has been claimed that a shortened existence "is the price that man pays for his highly differentiated organism." Yet he declared, other highly differentiated organisms have had much longer life cycles. Witness the turtle, the elephant and the dinosaur.

"I am able to say from a fairly broad experience that one of the greatest obstacles to prolonging human life lies in the acceptance—at least tacitly and subconsciously—of the thesis that the years of man are three-score and ten," Dr. Fisk asserted, "and that it is more important for man to study ways and means of having a good time during that period than in attempting to work against nature, whatever that may mean, in attempting any emphatic prolongation of the human life cycle."

Dr. Fisk said that Dr. Charles H. Mayo, the famous surgeon of Rochester, Minn., has stated that in his own experience 85 per cent of deaths are due to some form of infection. He also stated, the speaker declared, that there are probably more forms of organisms menacing to the human race yet to be discovered than there are now known to exist.

INCOME FROM IODINE SOUGHT IN S. CAROLINA

Columbia.—Appointment of a committee of 13 citizens to aid in capitalizing results of iodine content tests on South Carolina food products was decided at a meeting called by Governor Richards, recently.

The governor will be chairman of the committee, which will include a member from each of the seven congressional districts and the remainder from the state at large. The committee will be organized to co-operate with the general assembly and the food analysis commission to work on a means of capitalizing the state's iodine resources.

JAIL YOUTH IN YADKIN ON MUTILATION CHARGE

Winston-Salem.—Jasper Hutchens, 20, is being held in the Yadkin county jail, under \$5,000 bond in connection with the alleged mutilation of John Spillman, 19, of Yadkin county. Spillman was brought to a hospital here Monday. Spillman is quoted as having said the operation was performed by two white men Sunday afternoon near his home. He said he was lying near the road resting when the

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