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Dr. Niehans Studied For

Swiss Protest As 'Man Who

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Bern, Switzerland (NC) — They call him "the man who saved the Pope's life." He himself however makes no such claim.

He is a Swiss Protestant physician world famous by now because of a special type of cellular therapy he has developed, the very kind that was applied to Pope Pius XII with amazing results.

His name is Dr. Paul Niehans and he is 72 years old.

WHAT SEEMS TO catch people's fancy is the fact that Dr. Niehans is not only a Protestant of deep religious convictions but originally studied for the Protestant ministry. He made his studies at Neuchatel in Switzerland and then at Oxford, Berlin and Bern, winding up at the latter university with a licentiate in theology.

Medicine is really Dr. Niehans' first love. His father was a physician in Bern, a surgeon and head of the cantonal hospital

Pope Names Doctor To Papal Academy

Vatican City (ENS) — Pope Pius signed a decree naming Dr. Paul Niehans, Swiss specialist in medicine, to the Pontifical Academy of Medicine. Dr. Niehans was in France for operations upon the Holy Father during his recent illness.

Nineteen other scientists also will be named shortly to the academy to fill existing vacancies and bring the body up to its normal strength of 30 members. The new members will be appointed by the Holy Father. Although the names were not given, sources of possible

here, and young Paul hoped ardently to follow in his footsteps. But Dad had other plans for him.

"You will be a minister," he told him, and that was that. After completing the first course in theology, Paul still seemed to prefer medicine, but his father would not approve of a transfer to that department.

"Finish theology first," he insisted. "Then it will be up to you to do what you want."

That's the way it happened. Paul soon started all over again to become a medical man and like his father, a surgeon. He has treated numerous prominent patients from all over the world, but he hardly dreamed they would include the Pope.

DR. NIEHANS has performed thousands of operations upon patients who have come to him for advice and treatment. He receives his callers at a clinic located at Montreux on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva, against a background of magnificent Alpine scenery.

Medical people are better able than this writer to explain the secrets of Dr. Niehans' method, which has been astoundingly successful. In numerous instances, suffice it to say, his studies started where Rudolf Virchow, the great Berlin pathologist, left off in the 1860's. He developed a new approach in applying cellular tissue to his patients.

"Sicazell" (Dry Cells) is the trade name now used for a product derived under Dr. Niehans' method from Swiss mountain sheep. The "cells" are dehydrated, exposed to a high degree of refrigeration, and finally preserved in vacuum tubes which keep the stuff fresh for up to two years.

It was no surprise that when the condition of the Holy Father deteriorated critically early last year, the Pope's personal physician, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi Lisi, invited Dr. Niehans to come to the Vatican.

IN THE CASE of the Holy Father, as in so many other instances on record, his treatments were amazingly successful. So far as is known, they were applied to the Pope twice. Since then, Dr. Niehans has kept in touch with the medical commission responsible for the Holy Father's health: Dr. Galeazzi Lisi and Drs. Antonio Gasbarini, Raffaele Paolucci di Valmaggiore and Luigi Vito di Stefano.

Liver and stomach "dry cells" were given to the Pope, with the result that he gained weight almost immediately. Even more important, perhaps, he could sleep and eat eight hours after

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