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The National Cancer Institute was created by an Act of the Congress of the United States on August 5, 1937. The Act also provided for a National Advisory Cancer Council to assist the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service in the administration of its provisions. The members of the first National Advisory Cancer Council are pictured at the ground-breaking ceremonies of the NCI in 1938; from left to right: Francis C. Wood (1869-1951), Director, Institute of Cancer Research, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.; C. C. Little (b. 1888), Director, Roseo B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Me.; James Ewing (1866-1943), Director, Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York, N.Y.; Arthur H. Compton (1892-1962), Professor of Physics, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; James B. Conant (b. 1893), President, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Thomas Parran (b. 1892), Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service, member ex officio and Chairman; and Ludvig Hektoen (1863-1951), Professor Emeritus of Pathology, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill.

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