

Cserepfalvy Mirlo's dr.  
Washington, D.C.



—News Staff Photo  
Dr. Cserepfalvy with a batch of teeth in saline solution.

1966



THE MOLAR THE MERRIER

## With Dr. Cserepfalvi, Take Your Tooth Pick

*Wash News 1966 March 12*

By MOHAMMED RAUF JR.

Dr. Miklos Cserepfalvi, a Washington dentist, is the J. P. Morgan of tooth banks.

In his clinic at 8204 16th-st nw, he has an amazing collection of human teeth for transplanting.

Dr. Cserepfalvi (pronounced: Sherupfalvi) is a refugee from the Hungarian revolution of 1956. Until then he was a director of Hungary's Dental Research Institute.

For hundreds of years dental surgeons have been able to transplant teeth and have them live for short times. The ability to make them function for longer periods is new.

Dr. Cserepfalvi said transplanting takes about 30 minutes. The new tooth heals in four to six weeks. The patient is told not to drink liquor or eat spicy food that can irritate the transplant. He also is not allowed to use the tooth to chew with for the healing period.

The new tooth stays in place from three to six years.

Why not longer?

"I don't know," Dr. Cserepfalvi said. "More research is required."

He has about 100 teeth, which he keeps in a salt solution.

Dr. Cserepfalvi gets his teeth from young patients coming to him for the removal of ones growing in wrong.

An adult's tooth can be used but Dr. Cserepfalvi said he

prefers childrens' teeth, because the roots are still growing.

### THE ROOT

"I always prefer teeth in which the crown is fully developed, but the root is not," he said.

Dr. Cserepfalvi, 60, said he was unhappy in Hungary, despite his post, under the Communist regime.

"I did not have a feeling of freedom," he said. "I felt that pure research was being subverted for the sake of party dogma."

When the revolution broke out, he fled with his wife and 12-year-old daughter across the border into Austria.

"It was night. We had to run thru a muddy field. I entered Austria wearing only one shoe," he said.

The same year he was invited to United States by the Rockefeller Foundation, and spent several years doing research in skin transplanting at St. Barnabus Medical Center, Newark, N.J.

## ACCESS Seeks Access

A group called ACCESS, fighting suburban apartment segregation, announced it will picket the Silver Spring offices of Carl M. Freeman Associates today and tomorrow will picket apartments Mr. Freeman manages in Northern Virginia and Prince Georges County.

ACCESS president Charles Jones said negotiations have failed for open occupancy pledges by Mr. Freeman and three other major suburban apartment developers. Apartments owned by the other developers will be picketed later, he said.

The initials ACCESS stand for Action Co-ordinating Committee to End Segregation in the Suburbs. President Jones claims Washington is "surrounded by a noose of segregation."

On another housing front, National Capital Planning Commission chairman Elizabeth Rowe told a Senate subcommittee that the housing shortage in the District for low and middle families is critical. She said 50,000 of these families lack decent housing and another 50,000 pay too much for what they are able to get.

