

Anesthetic On Sinus Ends Backaches

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NEW YORK—(AP)—Some backaches can be cured just by "painting" behind the nose to put certain nerves to sleep, Dr. J. Lewis Amster says.

The painting consists of applying a local anesthetic to a little cluster of nerve cells on the wall of one of the sinuses. It's done through the nose with a long swab. The anesthetic puts these nerves to sleep, and blocks their normal impulses.

The treatment has been effective in relieving some cases of low back pain, of the kind that seem to have no physical reason, Dr. Amster told the New York state medical society.

The New York city physician reported some success also against a few cases of migraine headaches, painful shoulder spasms, persistent hiccupping, stiff necks and shingles—a painful nerve disease.

But why the treatment works is a mystery. The spot anesthetized consists of sympathetic nerve cells that have no apparent connection with the nerves in the low part of the back. The relief might be due to some kind of reflex action or to psychic reasons, Dr. Amster said.

The treatment has been known for some time, Dr. Amster became interested three years ago when it was used on him. For 15 years he had had a recurrent low back pain with attacks once a year. The nerve treatment abolished the pain in 20 minutes, he said, and it hasn't returned.

Since then he has tried it on 10 patients, he said, "with relief of pain and spasms noted in about 80 per cent of these cases."

Stalin's Real Aim Arouses Speculation

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There is much virtue in the old saying that one shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth but, like most generalities, there are exceptions to the rule.

We are faced with an important exception, or so it seems to me, in the case of Premier Stalin's announcement that Moscow is willing, if America is to accept Henry A. Wallace's recent open letter to him as the basis for peaceful settlement of Russo-American differences. There is more than a little doubt as to what sort of steed we are being offered.

The big question we have to answer, of course, is whether this is a real peace offer or whether it is a shrewd move to bolster Russia's position and the Red revolution for the spread of Communism. It's a mighty uncomfortable thing to have to challenge what purports to be a peace gesture. However, we are forced to do it by Bolshevik aggression which has been going on unceasingly, with the resulting enslavement of numerous small nations and a threat to the rest of the world.

What's Stalin's Aim? Does Moscow suddenly halt this program of 30 years' standing and say: "We abandon our project. We are ready for peace?" I think not. What then has Moscow in mind?

Well, one thing that political circles in this country were quick to note was that Premier Stalin, with his praise of Mr. Wallace, had intervened in the American presidential campaign. It remained to be seen what the effect would be.

Then diplomatic quarters are asking whether Moscow might be raising the peace issue in order to weaken the Marshall Plan for European rehabilitation, and block support for American military aid to the nations of west-



GIRLS VIE FOR TIMBER QUEEN—One of these 12 Sutherland girls may reign as queen of the Sutherland Timber Days Centennial July 3, 4, and 5. The girl who sells the most votes will win. Left to right, they are Connie Groshong, nominated by Parent-Teachers Club; Ella Mae Lisinger, Sutherland Grange; Pat Powell, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Donna Cracroft, Fair Oaks Grange; Donna Enyart, Sutherland Volunteer Fire Department; Doris Beamer, American Legion; Doris Price, Sutherland Lions Club; Gerry Olson, Associated Business Women's Club; Joan Powers, Rebekah Lodge; Beverly Pope, American Legion Auxiliary; Dixie Emerson, Timberline Trail Riders; Joyce Sheffield, Sutherland City Council. A 13th candidate, Beverly Nicolazie, nominated by the Rod and Gun Club, is not pictured above.

ern Europe. Suspicions further give rise to the thought that Russia would like a lull in the cold war to give her a chance to consolidate her gains and bolster her economic position, especially in heavy industries which would be needed if war overtook her.

Korean Scheme Bared

One of the points Stalin cited as being mentioned by Mr. Wallace for discussion was "evacuation of troops from China and Korea." Well, now, such an agreement almost certainly would have the effect of giving Russia possession of all Korea which strategically is one of the most important bases in the whole orient.

The northern half of Korea is occupied by Soviet troops, and the southern half by American forces. Russia has Sovietized the northern portion and has created a Korean army of some 200,000, while southern Korea is just setting up its own free government under protection of America. Many observers figure that withdrawal of both Russian and U.S. troops would permit the northern Korean army to take over the southern half of the country and incorporate it in the Communist regime. No wonder Moscow wants withdrawal of American and Russian troops!

Most certainly we should pray for peace and work for peace, but meantime beware the silly season.

Britain Not To Let go Of Middle East

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The sharp differences between the two major democracies—Britain and America—over the Arab-Jewish issue are bringing many anxious queries to this column.

Why should we find the United States recognizing the new Jewish state of Israel, while England withholds recognition as Arab troops (some of which are British trained and supported) move into the Holy Land for the attack. Why, in short, should the two powers appear to be talking opposite sides in the conflict?

Well, we are treading on delicate ground here. However, I think we are safe in saying that London and Washington aren't really working towards different ends. They just have got their wires crossed in a most discon-

certing manner, which is causing much heartburning in both capitals.

Britain's main objective, as I see it, is to safeguard her interests in the Middle East. These include control of the strategic areas necessary for maintenance of her life-line through the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal to the Far East. Many of these strategic bases are Arabic. England also is vitally interested in the Middle East petroleum fields—as is Uncle Sam, and in a big way.

Britain Reverses Herself

It may surprise many people to find Britain thus apparently putting heavy emphasis on her Mediterranean defenses once more. It's only a little more than a year ago that she announced withdrawal of her military administrative and supply bases from the Eastern Mediterranean to Kenya Colony on the east coast of Africa. It was said that her reasons for this sensational change included the instability of her political and military status in Egypt and Palestine.

London said this program envisaged retention of Britain's forward operational bases "as long as practicable" in such countries as the Sudan, Palestine, Egypt, Trans-Jordan and Iraq. However, the world got the impression that British military experts felt the position was such that they wouldn't be able to defend the Mediterranean life-line in another great war.

That was a year ago. Since then the situation has changed vastly—due to Communist aggression. Moscow not only has virtually annexed Eastern Europe but is trying to make true Russia's age-old dream of breaking through into the Middle East and becoming a Mediterranean power. Thus this area has again become one of the world's worst danger spots.

So we see Britain maneuvering

to maintain her position in the Arab countries, or so it seems from here. She proposes to defend the Mediterranean if the need arises.

Six Miners Killed By "Bump" Coal Shot

DANTE, Va., May 21—(AP)—Rescue crews early today brought to the surface the bodies of six miners killed last night when a "bump" shot tons of coal over them in the Clinchfield Coal Company's No. 2 mine.

The men were buried under coal, earth and debris which burst from a seam where they were working two miles under ground.

A. R. Matthews, company president, described a "bump" as a combination of overhead pressure, hardness or softness of the seam, degree of hardness of the coal and the weight on it.

War-Murder Query Raised In Nazi Case

NEW YORK—(AP)—Where does war end and murder begin? That question is posed today by a stalwart six-foot-two-inch former adjutant of Heinrich Himmler—Col. Joachim Peiper, who might in time have taken Adolf Hitler's place.

And it is a hard question to answer—regardless of whether Peiper, who one of his sergeants said wanted to become "the fuhrer of the Fourth Reich," ultimately is hanged, goes to prison or is freed.

This handsome Nazi soldier—still only 33 years old—is one of 43 German SS troops condemned to death on charges of murdering 750 American soldiers and 150 Belgian civilians during the Battle of the Bulge.

Among the victims were more than 70 unarmed members of a U. S. artillery observation battalion, shot down in the infamous "Malmady massacre."

There was no appeal from the gas chamber. The sentences against the Nazi storm troopers were appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court which refused to review it on a 4-to-4 decision that it had no jurisdiction.

This only points up again the legal difficulties in assessing war guilt.

Admired By Some Yanks

Meanwhile Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall has ordered a stay of execution against 17 of the condemned men pending investigation of charges the Nazis had been beaten and forced to confess at "mock" trials in prison by American prosecutors.

The case has an added interest because Peiper was a bold and outstanding soldier for whom some American commanders profess a reluctant off-the-record admiration.

They don't condone the crimes committed by his men. They do recognize his leadership in battle. One American officer who had been his prisoner, Lt. Col. Hal D. McCown of Rushton, La., even flew the Atlantic to testify in Col. Peiper's defense.

He said the young Nazi officer, when his progress was halted, freed 150 American prisoners and "at no time did I see mistreatment of American prisoners of war."

I remember interviewing Lt.

Col. McCown near Malmady a few hours after he got back from capture himself. Peiper, after burning his stranded tanks and guns, had taken off on foot at the head of his column of men and safely led them at night through the American lines.

Where does war end and murder begin? Young Col. Peiper, an arrogant, brave and self-confident—the man who might have become another Hitler—is the symbol of one unfinished answer.

The shadow of night is upon him.

Forest Industries Assn. Dates All-County Meet

The first annual membership meeting of the recently organized Douglas County Section of Western Forest Industries Association will be held in Roseburg June 10. The decision was made at the regular monthly meeting of the Section's board of trustees, last night.

Clyde E. Todd, Days Creek lumberman, county chairman, who presided at last night's session, said the scheduled June meeting would be the first all-county gathering of the general membership. The temporary officers who served during the organizing period will then be replaced with a permanent set of officers for the ensuing year, he explained.

One of the subjects being given first priority by the county organization of the independent sawmill operators and loggers is the management and disposition of county-owned timber, Todd said.

Blind Negro Expert As Automobile Washer

CLEVELAND—(AP)—People come from miles around to watch Forrest Hill, 30-year-old blind Negro, perform his work as a car washer.

Harry Johnson, his boss at a gasoline station at Washington Boulevard and Lee Rd., says Hill is "tops" as a washer.

"His speed is just average, but the result is perfect," Johnson declared. "He never misses a spot. When he has finished a job on a car it is really done. He is so good that a lot of people wait around until he can get to their speaker."

Hill lost his sight two years ago when the optic nerves in both eyes were severed in an automobile accident.

He tries to make up for his lack of sight by his sensitive fingers.

Graduation Set For 8th Grade Class at Sutherland

Eighth grade graduation at the Sutherland school has been set for 8 o'clock, June 3, in the Sutherland Community hall. The Rev. Kenneth Knox, pastor of the First Christian Church of Roseburg, will be the commencement around until he can get to their speaker.

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