

Blind Woman Made To See Flash Of Light By Using Special Electronic Device

NEWARK, N. J. — "Oh I can see the light!" It was in these words that a woman blind for 38 years described her reaction to a new electronic device, her surgeons said.

The woman, Betty Corstorphine, 57, underwent a series of tests in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles, last month using a photoelectric cell connected to wires in her brain.

"I saw flashes, at one time a bright flash like an electric light bulb, and at another time a grayness as though a light had just gone out," she said.

Dr. John C. Button said the test showed that brain cells did not atrophy like unused muscle cells but could be stimulated.

Possibilities Seen
Saying that the test "opens the door to the possibilities of electronic vision," he predicted that with adequate funds medical science could refine the apparatus so that within five years almost all blind people could "see" by means of electrical stimulus of the vision centers.

"Eventually," he said, "I'm sure we'll get real sight."

Miss Corstorphine expressed a cautious optimism about the experiment.

"I went out there knowing, of course, that I was not going to get my sight back," she said. "I knew it was only a test, that much more research will have to go into it. But someday — we're hoping

it's soon — there may be vision aids for the blind like there are hearing aids."

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Miss Corstorphine, who volunteered for the tests begun last Oct. 28, has been blind since 1929 because of the pressure of an inoperable, benign tumor on her optic nerve.

"It is my understanding that there are different kinds of blindness," she said. "I seem to have alternating days — one day in which everything seems bright and another day in which it seems dark."

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Harriman Orders Probe Into Raid On Mobster Meet

ALBANY, N. Y. — New York state police who broke up and investigated a "gangland conference" a week ago were under investigation themselves today.

Gov. Averell Harriman disclosed last night that he had ordered a number of inquiries by state agencies into the mobster meeting. One of them directs the state police superintendent to submit a "complete report on the conduct of the raid."

A spokesman said the governor wanted the report since criticism had been raised about the police action.

Troopers flushed out 60 men last Thursday from Joseph Barbara's remote country mansion in the hamlet of Apalachin in southwestern New York. Many underworld luminaries were netted.

The troopers made no arrests. They said there was no charge on which to hold any of the guests. The visitors insisted they were visiting sick friend—Barbara.

Although no arrests were made, it was the first time any police had interfered with and broken up a meeting of such magnitude.

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Nadine Conner Pleases Audience Wednesday Night

A wonderful personality with a beautiful voice — that characterizes Metropolitan Opera star Nadine Conner who sang in Roseburg Wednesday night under Community Concert Assn. sponsorship.

The gracious Miss Conner impressed her local audience with a well-rounded program that demonstrated why she has held top billing as a foremost opera and concert singer.

There was some comment that a few lighter, less-serious selections on her program might have added a bit more warmth to the audience response. But no one could deny the quality of voice of the California-born singer.

Miss Conner's program was almost entirely a classical nature, with a group of encore selections from the light opera and a Scotch-Irish medley of her own arrangement.

She opened with Beethoven's "Worship of God in Nature," and followed with two Handel selections, and Air de Lia from "L'Enfant Prodigue" by Debussy.

Her encore selections included "Im Zimmer," Richard Strauss' "Winterweih" and "Ständchen" and Donizetti's Norma's Aria from "Don Pasquale" provided the first half program selections.

The second portion of the program included Gavotte from "Mazeppa" by Massenet; "Ballero" and "Malheureux qui une femme" by Cantelouve, a group of ballad and folk songs and the concluding selection, Song to the Moon from "Rusalka" by Dvorak.

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Teamster Records To Be Subpoenaed

WASHINGTON — Senate racketeers investigators said today they will subpoena convention election records of Teamsters locals in the union's Central Conference.

Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel of the special Senate committee, said only a few locals in the conference headed by James R. Hoffa have complied voluntarily with a committee request for the information.

Compliance has been better elsewhere, Kennedy said, with "a little over 50 per cent" of the records received and others promised.

Kennedy said that over 75 per cent of the delegates on whom information has been received so far were elected in violation of the union's constitution.

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40 Teamster Organizers To Meet In Seattle

SEATTLE — Some 40 organizers and other officials of the Teamsters Union arranged to meet here Thursday with President Dave Beck of the powerful 1,500,000-member labor organization.

Beck, who told newsmen Wednesday he plans to remain on as head of the union until the eligibility of his elected successor is settled, said there was nothing unusual about the meeting.

Organizational problems will take up the bulk of the meeting time, Beck said.

Beck said he would remain on as president of the Teamsters Union pending a court ruling on the eligibility of James Hoffa, who was elected president of the union after Beck decided to retire.

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Building Inspector Currier Receives Certificate Upon Completing Special Course

A certificate of achievement has been presented to Roseburg Building Inspector C. N. Currier upon completion of his third building inspector's short course at Washington State College.

Currier returned here this week after having attended his third one-week course at WSC last week. The school is one of many such schools held throughout the nation and is recognized among the top such schools. Among the top ten speakers was A. G. Hoefler, Spokane's chief inspector.

Subjects covered during the course included organization and administration of a building department, plan checking, urban renewal, building code requirements, legal procedures for code enforcement and public relations.

The building inspector's code of ethics, as instructed, Currier points out, is "to place the public welfare, especially health and safety, above all other interests and to apply our special knowledge and skill to the benefit of the citizens of our respective cities."

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Russia's Pledge To Egypt May Hit \$175 Million

CAIRO — Russia's pledge of economic aid for Egypt is reported to mean a 175-million-dollar loan for President Nasser's five-year industrialization plan.

The semi-official Middle East News Agency said last night the agreement announced in Moscow Tuesday calls for Russia to provide 700 million rubles worth of aid. The official Soviet exchange rate is four rubles to the dollar.

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Italian Freighter Sinks After Blast

NAPLES, Italy — The 2,385-ton Italian freighter Anna Maria Jevoli sank alongside a Naples dock Thursday soon after a violent explosion ripped through her midsection.

Two Italians were known dead and two to five workers, believed trapped underwater aboard the wreck, were presumed dead. More than 35 persons were injured, six seriously. Many were passers-by in the city's main square.

A U.S. Navy spokesman said no American ships or Navy men were near the scene of the blast. He added that the Navy offered help but Italian officials said they had the situation under control.

The ship went down in 40 feet of water 1,000 feet from the main square. Only part of her bow projected above the surface.

Divers from the Naples fire department were sent down to investigate. The cause of the explosion was not immediately determined.

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Dave Beck Sr. To Take Stand In Son's Trial

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Beck Sr. is accused of misappropriating \$4,650 from the sale of two union-owned automobiles. The elder Beck is to go on trial Dec. 2 on charges he misappropriated the proceeds from the sale of a third union-owned car.

Beck Jr. testified Wednesday the \$4,650 he received from the sale of the two cars he sold was given to his father, who told him the money was turned over to the bookkeeper of Teamsters Union Joint Council 28 here, Fred Verschueren Jr.

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Hospital News

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Discharged: Mrs. Albert Fonkink, Glenn Heaton, Oakland; Mrs. Glynn Williams and baby, Glynna Darlene, Winston; Mrs. Laurence Reller and baby, Patricia Ann, Myrtle Creek; Jacob Matlock, Mrs. Glenn Welker, Mrs. John Newton, James Keith, Gregory Wright, Mrs. Leonard Burns, Roseburg.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted: Surgery: Mrs. Thomas Fisher, Tennille.

Medical: Robert Vail, Francis Martin, Mrs. Ronald Noel, Patrick Holmes, Ruth Shafer, Roseburg.

Discharged: Mrs. Owen Sprague and baby, Cheryl Ann; Willard Baker, Earl Baker, Winston; Mrs. Wallace Preston and baby, Betty Louise; John Roberts, Dillard, Mrs. Bruce Rein and baby, Jeffrey Bruce; Mrs. Paul Hysre and baby, Stephen Leroy; Mrs. Robert Davis and baby, Marvin Elton; Mrs. Duane Barmore, Chris Dimmitt, Roseburg.

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Man Sentenced Few Hours After Release From Jail

Just a few hours after release from the Douglas County Jail, James Bishop Phillips, 36, was hauled into circuit court where he was sentenced to three years in prison.

Phillips, of Winchester Bay, was released from jail Wednesday after the grand jury returned a not true bill on a charge of auto theft and stealing a rifle.

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Portland Man, Age 75, Dies In Vets Hospital

Oscar E. Dean, 75, of Portland, died in the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg last weekend.

He was born in Missouri, April 10, 1882, and served in the Army in World War I. He is survived by one brother, Fred Dean of Falls City, Neb., and a niece, Mrs. Ernest Barton of Vancouver, Wash.

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