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Virus of Cold Still Elusive

Medical researchers have succeeded in isolating the viruses of polio and pneumonia and influenza, but they still are baffled trying to isolate and photograph the virus of the common cold. A British institution is doing the most aggressive work in research on the common cold. It was there a few years ago that elaborate tests showed that "shots" were of no virtue as a prophylactic. A recent report on their work which appeared in the New York Times Magazine notes the chief item of progress is the culture of the virus of the cold in test tubes.

The doctors agree that the common cold is caused by specific viruses. The cold "bug" is an organism smaller than a bacterium and can pass through a fine clay filter. Its size is estimated at sixty-millionths of a millimeter in length, and it is a hardy specimen, remaining active for at least two years at a temperature of 70 degrees Centigrade below zero.

The virus is still little understood, whether it is a form of life, animal or vegetable or only "half alive." More work will have to be done with cultures and microscopes and tests to determine just what a virus is, and how to cope with it.

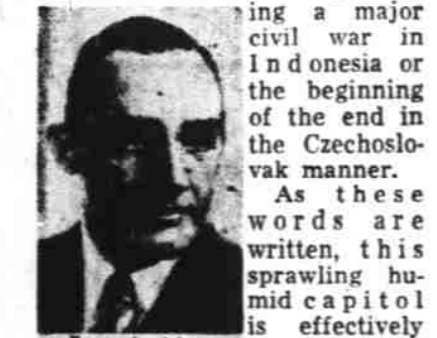
This basic research on the virus of the common cold is pointed out of course toward obtaining a preventive or a cure. Dr. C. H. Andrews who heads this British group of researchers is said to be not hopeful about developing an anti-cold vaccine. The area affected is chiefly the nose and throat, and that is where the fight against the cold should center, according to the doctor. If in some way the mucus lining of the nasal passages could be stimulated to throw out antibodies then the individual would be quite free of colds.

Until science is able to "draw a bead" on the virus of the cold, humanity will just have to suffer its recurring affliction. Avoiding contact with persons suffering from colds helps one to escape; but most everyone will "catch cold" one time or another in the course of a year. Fortunately the miserable feeling it causes is usually of short duration. And who knows, perhaps the busy researchers will find some dependable preventive to the illness which causes more layoffs than any other.

If your children are not reading or hearing "The Toy Makers Who Couldn't Stop Work," they are missing something. Now appearing daily in The Statesman, it is written by this newspaper's news editor, J. Wesley Sullivan, and is a sequel to a Christmas story first published in The Statesman three years ago and being used this Yuletide season by nearly 40 newspapers over the country.

Indonesia Under State of Tension as Army Patrols Capital, Breaks With Government

By JOSEPH ALSOP
DJAKARTA, Indonesia — If this were almost any other country, one would now be predicting a major civil war in Indonesia or the beginning of the end in the Czechoslovak manner.



As these words are written, this sprawling humid capital is effectively surrounded by battalions of Indonesia's small but capable regular army. Heavily armed patrols penetrate the city nightly, to reconnoiter the dim streets. The army's able chief of staff, Colonel Bambang Sugeng, has just broken with the government, with the strong support of almost all the other professional army officers.

The two most important provincial commanders, Col. Cawilarang and Col. Simbolon, are authoritatively reported to have told President Soekarno, "You are driving us to civil war."

The leading opposition parties, the Muslims and the Socialists, which possess three times the popular following of the present government, are strongly backing the army's stand. Of the four famous leaders of the Indonesian revolution, President Soekarno, Vice-President Hatta, Dr. Soetan Sjahrir and the Sultan of Jogjakarta, the army is also supported by at least two, Dr. Sjahrir and the Sultan. There are good reasons to think that even Vice-President Hatta sympathizes with the army.

The cause of all this tension is not trivial either. With the revolution receding, the Nationalist party has been increasingly losing followers to the Muslims and the Socialists. Harris Sitompel, the shrewd political analyst of the official Nationalist newspaper, complained to me that the opposition was "driving the Nationalists into the arms of the Communists." Being interpreted, this meant that the Nationalists have been trying to compensate for their losses to the opposition parties by increasingly close collaboration with the Communists.

The present government of Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo is the direct result of this collaboration. It is a curious government indeed. Neither the real leaders of the Nationalists, such as Dr. Sidiq, nor any of the official Communists are represented. Superficially, the cabinet resembles a clump of sea anemones—for the personalities are the opposite of strong—strangely sustained by the strange currents of Indonesia's peculiar parliamentary process.

Yet close inspection of the occupants of certain key positions gives a clue to the mystery. One of these is the Minister of Defense, Iwa Kusumasumantri. Iwa, as he is usually called, is an aged former Communist. He disclaims present party membership, but the influences that control him are obvious enough.

For example, Iwa caused something of a scandal, some time ago, by publicly advocating giving government arms to the "Union of Former Fighters," a body of ex-guerillas that the Communists have organized for their purposes. This was a bit too thick for the rest of the cabinet. But the cabinet and even President Soekarno are now supporting Iwa. And Iwa is now seeking to destroy the authority of the army's professional officers and to gain personal, political control of the armed forces of the state.

This is why Col. Bambang Sugeng has broken with the government; why the city is surrounded; why tension is omnipresent. By an ordinary test, it will be the beginning of the end if the army submits to Iwa. No one who has watched other Communists take over can fail to recognize the significance of the first tentative groping for control of the armed forces here in Indonesia.

By ordinary tests, the other features of the Indonesian scene are hardly more encouraging. As recently as 1948, an attempted Communist coup d'etat was ruthlessly suppressed by force of arms. Since then, however, the Communists have made a powerful comeback. In particular, they completely control the Indonesian Federation of Trades Unions, which they shamelessly

An Athlete Turned Physicist

It was an accident which started Dr. Robert A. Millikan on his career as a scientist but it was no accident that led him to become world-recognized as a leader in his field.

At Oberlin College, young Millikan was quite an athlete and planned to enter the physical education field. But in his junior year a professor asked him to fill in as a classroom teacher in physics—a subject in which he was not then greatly interested. That did it. Since that time his entire life was devoted toward helping the human race to more intelligent living.

From 1920 to 1932, Dr. Millikan was nearly alone among English-speaking physicists in an intensive study of cosmic rays, which were discovered in 1911. Winner of the Nobel Prize (for electron and photo-electric researches) and author of 18 books, he climaxed 25 years of work at the University of Chicago by becoming administrative head of the California Institute of Technology, from which post he resigned seven years ago at the age of 78.

Dr. Millikan, for all his penetration into the cosmic, saw no conflict between science and religion. Both are essential and are not inconsistent, he insisted time and again. Very few developments outpaced his thinking, but one of them was the hydrogen bomb. Hardly four years ago, Dr. Millikan expressed the opinion that "it would take a warmer lady than Mother Earth to make such a horror possible." Other men, who built their knowledge on the fundamentals which he had bequeathed them, apparently have advanced his theories to a point he did not think possible.

Dr. Millikan did not solve the mystery of the cosmic rays but he learned much about them and their application. Twenty-five honorary degrees from universities the world over attest to the esteem and respect in which he was held. His name will live long in the development of the science of the great unknown.

Courses in Auto Driving

The November American Magazine had an article "Don't Let Your Parents Teach You to Drive" by Prof. A. E. Neyhart, head of the division on public safety at Pennsylvania State College. He says, "It's murder!" His reason: "Few parents ever had adequate driver education themselves. So they can't see anything dangerous about giving their kids the same kind of hit-or-miss instruction."

He recommends instruction in high schools and points to Massachusetts where accidents among 16-17 year-olds was cut nearly in half after such instruction was introduced. In fact he urges readers to stimulate the offering of such a course in their schools.

We can see where high schools feel themselves already overburdened with so many required courses with varying degrees of value. Many schools, however, do have such courses. We teach arithmetic, etc. to enable persons to earn a living. The object of a safe-driving course would be to enable them to stay alive.

At any event if Neyhart's advice is good, parents should see that their teen-age youngsters are instructed by experts other than themselves in the fine art of driving a motor car.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

Washington Mirror



Inside TV . . .

Old Boxing Films Proving Hit on TV

By EVE STARR

HOLLYWOOD—BETTER THAN LIFE INSURANCE: Athlete Jimmie Jacobs, 21-year-old national handball champion, has, for the third time, rented out his series of old-fight films for television.

"The way taxes are today," says Jacobs, "I prefer to rent them out rather than sell them, even though I have been offered a small fortune for them."

Jimmy told me that the old films, collected by his father and grandfather, both avid fight fans, are greatly in demand. Some of the rare championship prize fights include the 1904 Jim Corbett-Peter Courtney bout, the Sam Langford-Jack Johnson heavyweight championship fight, and the Jim Jeffries-Tom Sharkey tussle.

TELEVISIONS: Rosalind Courtright, singing at New York's plush St. Regis Maitland Hotel, will participate in a special color telethon Friday (CBS). Wonder how one blue eye and one brown eye will colorcast? . . . No pledges or contributions were asked for on the local KTTV "Cheerathon" in Hollywood, but viewers were subtly reminded of the traditional Salvation Army "Boiling Pot" at Christmastime . . . Petite Janet Gaynor wore hubby Adrian's creation in her recent Medallion Theater "Dear Cynthia" stint and never looked lovelier . . . Jim Backus tells pals why he doesn't fly: "Against my religion," he says, "I'm a devout coward—and besides, my agent won't let me!"

Gale Storm received so much publicity in connection with her new title, "mayor of Sherman Oaks," that Esther Williams has agreed to enter the mayoralty in Hollywood's Westchester . . . Pals of Jane Russell are urging her acceptance of the new TV series being offered her after RKO's "Big Rainbow." The teleseries highlights the experiences of a nightclub entertainer . . . The new Fulton Lewis Jr. broadcast will be made available by Jan. 8 . . . The Blue Angel in New York will be the next night-spot to have a TV series built around it. Many of our top-notch stars have played this bistro at one time or another . . . Which reminds me—what happened to the Bernard Brothers? A Blue Angel headline act for months a few years back, their original interpretation of the Andrews Sisters comedy disc, "Sonny Boy," was the greatest. They should definitely be brought to the attention of the television audience.

Robert Cummings figured out why all ladies' hats are different: "Milliners never make the same mistake twice." . . . Ethel Merman will do her Jan. 24 TV show from Hollywood, not New York . . . We received many letters asking about Gian-Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," televised Christmas Day for the last two years (NBC), and we're happy to say that this delightful opera will be among the Christmas Day presentations . . . NBC is realizing a new program tentatively titled "Studio Science." Under the guidance of Marche Goddard and Dr. Heinz Haber, the teleseries will dramatize such subjects as the structure of the earth, the speed of light and life in a droplet of water. We can't think of any better source of material than Dr. I. M. Levitt's "Wonders of the Universe."

Heard on "Make Room for Daddy": Margaret (Jean Hagen) is going to see her chum from Northwestern University, Danny Thomas asks: "Do I know her?" Margaret: "Slightly, dear. She's Lydia Miller, the girl you almost married."

Danny: "Oh, you mean Lydia Miller, with the red hair, the beautiful legs, the slanting green eyes, the mole on her left shoulder?" Gosh, I forgot all about her."

Margaret: "You should forget me that way!" (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago
Dec. 21, 1943

Eugene A. Lebold was named labor's representative on Salem's postwar planning committee, and Erwin Batterman was added to the roster.

Canadian troops and tanks fought their way into the outskirts of the German stronghold of Ortona on the Italian Adriatic coast and were engaged in street fighting with Nazi defenders barricaded within the village.

H. M. Randall, deputy city attorney of Portland, was appointed director of the state board of parole and probation, to succeed Fred S. Finsley, resigned.

25 Years Ago
Dec. 21, 1928

Singing of Christmas carols featured the pre-Christmas observance at the State Capitol.

The Rev. Robert L. Payne was unanimously elected pastor of the First Baptist Church. He has been acting pastor for 18 months.

President Coolidge signed an executive order making Oak

land, Calif., a port of entry. He also requested Congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the 1929 post office airmail department.

40 Years Ago
Dec. 21, 1913

Paul T. Holman, member of the senior class at Willamette University, was chosen at the meeting of college presidents to be Oregon's representative at Oxford University.

The eight-hour day will remain in all state institutions in the future, the validity of the state law being upheld by the Supreme Court.

Grace Bean and Hawley Bean, daughter and son of Judge Bean, returned from the University of Oregon to spend Christmas vacation with their parents.

President Eisenhower Attends Church Alone

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower attended church services at National Presbyterian Church Sunday accompanied only by secret service men.

Mrs. Eisenhower, who is recovering from a bronchial condition, remained at the White House.

Bureau Aims to Keep Officials Consistent

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The White House has just finished setting up a little bureau to save top officials of the Eisenhower administration from the embarrassment of not knowing what the policy of the moment is in areas outside their jurisdiction—and to save the President from his family saying one thing here and another thing there.

So when Attorney General Herbert Brownell speaks on wire tapping to a Des Moines audience, he has a handful of capsulized answers for anyone who pops up to ask about farm price supports or the interest rate on REA loans.

This bureau was the brainchild of W. Walter Williams of Seattle, who spent the summer and fall getting it on its feet. He was on loan to the White House from his regular position as Undersecretary of Commerce.

"Very Important" "It is very important that administration officials know something about all our problems that are basic so that there is a concert of opinion being expressed by the administration," Williams explained.

Cabinet officers needn't clear their speeches with the White House, but they are advised to let the bureau know at all times where they are speaking—and what they are saying. The bureau also tries to prevent one area getting too many visiting firemen at the same time to the neglect of other parts of the country.

Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has four phones on his desk, each sounding off with its own special ring. One clangs like a fire alarm.

"That's from the White House," McKay tells visitors when his sharp staccato ringing breaks up a conversation. "I'm supposed to jump when it rings."

When Senate elevator operators hear three quick blasts on their buzzer they stop in mid-air, if necessary to change direction, and go to pick up a United States Senator. Other passengers go along for the ride until the senator has been duly delivered and the operator is free to resume his previous mission of dropping them at their floors.

Buzzed Thrice "Tother day as I climbed aboard followed by a tourist at floor two to go to floor three, the buzzer buzzed thrice and we quickly plummeted to the basement to accommodate one of the 96 honorables. Known by sight to the operator, the senator didn't need to call his floor—and we took an express run to the top floor.

All the while the tourist stood goggle-eyed at the figure who seemed to bustle even as we stood motionless in the rising elevator. After the senator had been delivered and as the lift descended, the tourist gasped to the operator:

"Wasn't that McCarthy???" "Who Else?" "With all the mannerism of unconcern he could effect, the operator turned stonily to the man as though to say, "who else?"

And as we departed at our floor, the operator was heard to mutter, "Some people expect him to have fangs."

Washington state Attorney General Don Eastvold backed up Washington state's argument against Hells Canyon dam with about as much legal weight—literally—as one could find.

370 Pounds Eastvold sent his chief assistant Bernard G. Loncot, who until recently weighed in at a scale-crushing 370 pounds. He appeared before the federal Power Commission last week with Holland Huston, power advisor to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie.

But Loncot appeared at what he considers near his rock bottom figure, about 220. Not long ago he finished a siege of dieting. By watching his proteins, said he pared off 170 pounds. And he's got pictures to prove it.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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first session. He has shaken himself down into his job, or it has shaken him down; and he seems more inclined to take the lead, which is what Americans expect of a President. In his statement of a few weeks ago he laid on the line his thesis on political action when he said:

"In my judgment, the efficiency and vision with which the government is administered by this Republican administration, and whether or not the Congress enacts a progressive, dynamic program enhancing the welfare of the people of our country, will determine the future political complexion of the Congress and the future of the administration. I am convinced that those who fight for the program that I shall soon submit to the Congress will receive the respect and support of the American people.

"In any event, unless the Republican Party can develop and enact such a program for the American people, it does not deserve to remain in power."

That is sound gospel. What remains is for the President to submit his program to Congress and the country, and then muster his troops and his reinforcements to get it enacted. The people will respond favorably to a "progressive, dynamic program" which enhances the welfare of the people. They are waiting to see it, and ready to back up Eisenhower loyally to obtain just such a program.

The President will find, however, that he will need bipartisan support because he lacks a party majority in the Senate, and can't depend on a considerable bloc in Congress of his own party. He will do well to include some Democrats in pre-session conferences if only on an informal basis.

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