

# Naval Research Unit Attacks Problems of 'Common Cold'

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (U)—A Navy medical research unit is making an organized attack on the common cold by studying respiratory infections among recruits at the training base here.

If a member of the company of volunteers so much as sneezes, a medical team is upon the sufferer for blood tests, throat examinations, nasal washings and even color photographs of his throat.

Officials have found that over 90 per cent of a recruit company will develop respiratory ailments over an 11-week period each spring.

At the first sign of a cold, the recruit is interviewed and his symptoms discussed. Then blood is taken at the cold's acute period and tested in the unit's serology department for the presence of antibodies.

Washing Frozen

Blood again is drawn after periods of 21 and 42 days, during the convalescent period.

The nasal washing is frozen, later to be thawed and placed in an embryonated egg where conditions are favorable for virus growth. The viruses then are isolated and identified.

The unit reports that 70 per cent of the illnesses have been identified. Researchers are almost certain the remaining 30 per cent is due to unidentified viruses.

Specialists keep a record of throat examinations with color photographs. The pictures are taken at the same time each day. For precise information a photoelectric densitometer is used to identify slight changes in throat conditions.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (U)—The criminal type? "There's no such thing," says Wittenberg College sociologist Dr. F. James Schrag.

Dr. Schrag, who teaches a course in criminology, says that term is "banded about considerably in this modern day and age—particularly on the stage and in storybooks—but it really means nothing."

At one time, he said, a man with sloping forehead, high cheek

bones and a pointed nose in some circles would have been cast immediately in the role of a criminal, doomed to live a life of crime. Fortunately, modern criminologists have eliminated "criminal type" from their vocabularies.

"Even Migs!"

He explained that typing of the criminal came about largely from generalized studies of groups of criminals, but today's studies show the criminal can be lean, fat, short, long—or even a midget.

Dr. Schrag says the bad thing about assuming that all criminals were types was that "too often, the man who committed a crime was passed off as a total loss to society simply because he had been cast as the criminal type and therefore as a hopeless and useless member."

"Now, the trend in criminology is toward the case studies of those who have committed crimes and attempts to rehabilitate criminals so they can become useful members of society," the sociologist concluded.

## Freedoms Foundation Medals Presented



Freedoms Foundation award medals were presented to students representing Marion County schools Wednesday by Justice George Rossman of the Oregon Supreme Court. Accepting the awards for outstanding projects dealing with American traditions of freedom were (left to right) Ann Hicks, Englewood; Kathy Seeley, Richmond; Marilyn Lutz, Bush; Larry Bahns, Keizer; and Margaret Lancefield, McKinley.

## Mayor to 'Clean Up' Galveston By Getting Gamblers' Advice

GALVESTON, Tex. (UP)—Galveston's new mayor, elected on a promise of a "clean but liberal town," said Thursday he will call a meeting soon of all gambling operators to find out how "the boys" think this coastal resort should be run.

George Roy Clough, a tall, dignified man of 64 who owns a radio station and was elected mayor Saturday over an incumbent who campaigned for a "100 per cent open town," expressed his own views on city government.

On gambling (illegal in Texas): "Well, I'll have to ask the boys what they want. Whatever they want will be all right with me, I think."

On gambling on Sunday: "I don't know how the boys feel about that, but I'm not against it. If the ministers don't like it, they can file a complaint with the county attorney, if they have the courage."

On Prostitution: "I am in favor of these boys continuing to operate in an orderly manner with a clean establishment. What do I mean by clean? Keep the chippies (juveniles) out of the place. Don't handle dope in any way, shape or form. No showing of lewd sex movies, such as are being shown in a number of establishments here. This contributes not only to juvenile but to adult delinquency."

Prostitutes, he said, "should be put into a district where they can be recognized for what they are. The situation now is that they are in all the cheap hotels and they have call girls in the residential areas."

On the possibility of raids by Texas Rangers, who take a dim view of gambling, prostitution and liquor by the drink: "That's not my affair. If there are complaints they should be taken to the county attorney."

No Slot Machines

But Clough said he would not tolerate slot machines (mere possession of which is a felony offense in Texas).

"I don't approve of slot machines," he said. "Most of them are fixed so they don't pay off anything."

Generally, however, he said, you "can have gambling and prostitution and still have a clean town."

Galveston, a city of about 70,000 population, is located on an island in the Gulf of Mexico.

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