

## New Cartisone Use Suggested

### Drug Might Relieve Digestive Disorders

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ITHACA, N.Y. A possible new use for cortisone—employing it in treating premature babies for often-fatal digestive disorders—has been suggested by a zoologist of Washington University, St. Louis.

Dr. Florence Moog reported that experiments with mice suggest this possibility, although she emphasized that any such use of the powerful drug would necessarily have to be in the hands of doctors having long experience in administering the medicine.

Cortisone is the drug that has shown promise in the treatment of arthritis and certain other conditions. But experts in its use have repeatedly warned of the possibility of harmful reactions and the need for extreme care in using it.

In a report to the annual meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, convened on the campus of Cornell University, Dr. Moog said digestive disorders constituted the principal cause of death among premature infants.

She gave this account of her mouse research:

Prior to the age of two weeks, mice have little or no ability to digest and absorb solid food, even though they can eat it.

But, at two weeks, there is a sharp increase in a chemical that occurs in the lining of the intestines and whose function is to aid in the absorption of solid food into the rest of the system.

Dr. Moog found that by giving cortisone to the mice, the food-absorption chemical reached maximum efficiency about a week earlier than normal.

She said she had heard informal reports that some doctors already were giving the drug to very young full-term infants—presumably for digestive disorders—but that she knew of no case where the drug had been given to premature babies.

Also, she said, the mouse experiments "suggest a rational basis" for employing the medicine in both premature and full-term infants faced with a digestive problem.

## Conference Applicants Beaten by Japanese

TOKYO (AP)—Thirty applicants for passports to the Communist "peace conference" in Peiping Sept. 26 were beaten and kicked by about 20 young black-shirted Japanese, the newspaper Asahi reported Friday.

Asahi said the youths were "patriotic martyrs corps" arm bands. The applicants were staging a sit down strike at the Foreign Office, which rejected applications of 87 to go to Peiping.



COUNTRYSIDE TRAGEDY — As her home near Moose Lake, Minn., is devoured by wind-whipped flames, Mrs. Toge Anderson paces back and forth, sobbing. "No, no, God, what will we do?" She is comforted by Walter Eldot, a reporter. The fire, cause of which was not learned, broke out after Mrs. Anderson, mother of four, drove to town to meet her husband who was rejoining his family after working in Duluth. The house was reduced to waist-high ruins in less than an hour.

## Navy Seeks End To Washing Woes

ATLANTIC CITY (AP)—The Navy is trying to make washday easier and cheaper for the fleet—and also save the American housewife money on soap suds, the American Chemical Society was told Thursday.

Scientists of the nation's first line of defense are planning to outfit their "radioactive dirt" in efforts to find more efficient cleaning agents for use aboard ship where gobs have to dunk their dungarees in salt water, reported chemist Rubin Bernstein of the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

## Stable Foreign Policy Asked

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—John Foster Dulles says this nation should create a top-level bipartisan council to lead the free world with a "stable and consistent" foreign policy.

Declaring the United States "is in deadly peril," Dulles described the present administration's policies as "reactions to Soviet actions."

Dulles is foreign policy adviser to the Republican party and formerly held that post with Democratic administrations.

He told the American Bar Association yesterday a free world needs American leadership, but other governments "cannot allow us in zig-zags and somersaults."

## Russia Retains Manchuria Hold

### Alleged Japan Threat Gives Reds an Excuse

HONG KONG (AP)—The Moscow agreement announced Tuesday shows Russia maintains her grip on Manchuria, using an alleged military threat by Japan as an excuse for holding Port Arthur indefinitely.

It will surprise no seasoned observer here to learn—once the whole story is told—that Russia emerges with a greater share than ever in that broad and rich region it has coveted since Czarist days.

MAJOR CONCESSION  
Russia appears to have made a major concession by giving up control of the Changchun Railway, the main line of transportation in Manchuria. The line supposedly had been jointly operated with China.

This undoubtedly is only so much face-saving for Russia's Red Chinese ally. Port Arthur is the coastal terminal of the railway. Undoubtedly, Russia retains freight hauling privileges.

In any case, the fact remains that Russia stays in Manchuria whereas it promised in 1950 to clear out by the end of this year.

### PRETEXT FOR STAYING

The pretext for staying was framed this way: Red China's premier, Chou En-lai, asked the Russians to keep a garrison in Port Arthur because of the "danger" of renewed aggression from a rearming Japan.

Under the Moscow agreement, the Russians will stay in Port Arthur until Japan signs a treaty with Red China and Russia.

## Wife Saves Husband

CENTRALIA, Ill. (AP)—"I think it's time to get up. It's pretty bad," Mrs. Oscar McClay told her husband. A windy rain storm raged around their Illinois farm home. McClay said he had just left his bed when the top of their house blew off, showering bricks on his bed. He admitted he might have been killed if he had not acted on his wife's advice.

## Tax Group 'Well Handled'

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay Friday said the Oregon State Tax Commission was "well handled" and there was no need for a grand jury investigation. The governor's statement followed a proposal by Chairman Robert D. Maclean to have a grand jury investigation of the commission as an answer to critics of the group. Maclean retires from the commission October 15 to enter the insurance firm of State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

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