

Science Turns Up Clues in Search For Ulcer Cure

By Paul F. Ellis (UP Science Writer)
 La Jolla, Calif., March 15 (UP)—Medical science is turning up new clues in the search to find cures for the ulcers suffered by 4,000,000 Americans.

The recognized treatment for ulcers, stomach or duodenal, is by special diet or surgery.

Scientists in the research laboratories of the Scripps metabolic clinic here believe, however, progress is being made toward the ultimate development of a drug, or special compound, that at last will serve to prevent ulcers.

Experiments Made
 Studies so far have shown that those who don't have ulcers excrete more of the substance than those who have.

Tested in experimental animals, the substance has shown to reduce stomach ulcer formation.

However, the Scripps researchers believe the substance may never have value in the treatment of ulcers in human beings. But they believe experiments may give medical men a better understanding of the mechanics of ulcer growth.

Approach Envisioned
 With such knowledge, science envisages a better approach toward developing a drug, or medicine, to attack the ulcer problem.

In recent months, a compound known as enterogastrone has been hailed as an effective agent against ulcers and many doctors are now prescribing the compound. However, the scientists here have found that enterogastrone has little effect against ulcers. Their findings are confirmed by investigators.


"Miraculous cures" have been reported through use of enterogastrone, but the scientists here believe those patients who showed good response may have made improvement because "they stopped worrying and gave the ulcers a chance to heal."

The compound is obtained from the duodenal canal of pigs.

It is not the first "remedy," nor will it be the last, for which great claims will be made, according to the Scripps scientists.

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With an air of resignation, Marsha Grant lets Mark, a New York hair stylist, break an egg in her hair. It's all part of Mark's newest hair treatment, designed, he says, "to give life and glamor to dull hair." After the egg shampoo, Mark rubs in some fresh strawberry cream and champagne.

Special Atlantic Pact Meet Called

London, March 15 (UP)—Top representatives of the five western union powers were called into emergency session Monday to speed up work on the Atlantic pact and maintain their hard-won initiative in the cold war.

Reports from Vienna said eastern European military chiefs were meeting with soviet army leaders in Debrecen, Hungary, to map new Russian strategy in continuing the struggle with the west.

Called into session in London were powerful delegations representing Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland Luxembourg. The delegations included the foreign ministers, defense ministers and finance ministers of each country.

One way of determining the size of molecules is to find the least volume into which a known number of them can be squeezed.

Japanese Bandit Gang Disclosed

Osaka, Japan, March 15 (UP)—Existence of a small army of sword-wielding Japanese who prey on black marketeers and government warehouses under orders from a mysterious old man was disclosed Monday in a confession by one of the gang.

Operating in the industrial Osaka-Kobe area and on Shikoku island, the gang was said to number nearly 2,000 men, most of whom pose as farmers, laborers and clerks.

Hideyoshi Murayama, a fruit vendor, described the gang's operations to police.

Murayama said few members of the gang know each other and that they leave their regular occupations only long enough to answer mobilization calls for the unidentified "big boss of Bush-ow"—a town in northern Shikoku believed to be the gang's headquarters.

Under the iron discipline exercised by the gang boss and his henchmen, any member violating the gang's code faces lynching or physical torture, Murayama said.

The gangsters have armed and trained themselves in the use of old Japanese samurai swords because the occupation has left Japan with a shortage of guns, the informer said.

Marshall to Help Worried Soldier

Sanford, N. C., March 15 (UP)—Gen. George C. Marshall promised Monday to do whatever he could to help a worried GI on Okinawa who wants to come home to his wife and two children in their lonely cabin home near here.

Red Cross officials said that last week the retired army chief of staff and former secretary of state drove here from his winter home in Pinehurst, N.C., to talk with the soldier's wife.

Marshall had received a letter from the GI, who said he had renounced after the war thinking he would be stationed at Ft. Bragg, near his family. Instead, he was shipped overseas.

The wife, whose name was withheld, poured out her problems to Marshall and then became "scared half to death when she found out whom she was talking to," the Red Cross official said.

"The general ended up by promising her he would do whatever he could to help."

The soldier wrote Marshall that he had asked repeatedly to be sent home and was appealing to the general as a last resort.

Oleo Backers Claim Votes To Pass Bill

Washington, March 15 (UP)—Oleo backers Monday claimed more than enough house votes to pass a "real" bill to repeal federal taxes on margarine.

Dairy state congressmen said, however, that this was wishful thinking. They insisted the house will support their oleo bill, to repeal taxes but ban colored oleo in most states.

The house agriculture committee has approved the bill sponsored by butter backers. The committee, dividing 14 to 13, defeated a move to substitute the repeal measure sponsored by oleo interests.

The rejected bill, drafted by Rep. W. R. Poage, D., Tex., would simply repeal the special taxes of up to 10 cents per pound now levied on oleo.

The approved measure, sponsored by Rep. Walter K. Granger, D., Utah, would end the taxes. But it also would ban interesting sales of colored oleo.

Delay Action Seen On Rent Controls

Washington, March 15 (UP)—Chairman Burnet R. Maybank, D., S. C., said Monday his senate banking committee will delay action on rent controls until the senate filibuster is over.

"There will be no meeting of the full committee until this is cleared up," Maybank said, referring to the administration's attempt to change senate rules to limit filibusters.

A banking subcommittee headed by Sen. John J. Sparkman, D., Ala., went to work today on a bill to extend rent controls, which expire March 31. The group is expected to endorse a 15-month extension similar to the bill which comes up for a vote in the house tomorrow.

The number of U. S. farm houses with modern bathrooms more than doubled between 1940 and 1947.

Air Force Bill Being Readied

Washington, March 15 (UP)—Chairman Carl Vinson of the house armed services committee said Monday he hopes to bring to the house floor this week a bill to authorize a 70-group air force.

The Georgia democrat foresaw little or no opposition to the air power bill.

The measure, sponsored by the pentagon and approved unanimously by the armed services committee, makes permanent the existing temporary authorized strengths of the army and air force.

It authorizes—but does not require—the air force to build to a strength of 70 groups. Congress still would have to put up the money to make this possible. President Truman's budget for fiscal 1950 calls for only 48 groups.

Elsewhere on the military front, armed services subcommittee hearings continued on bills to raise military pay and set up a uniform code of military justice.

In conjunction with the air power bill, Vinson hopes to sell congress on the idea of putting up an extra \$800,000,000 to keep the 70-group program going in its second year.

The five-year air power plan was launched last year when congress, going over Truman's head, put up \$822,000,000 in extra funds for plane buying.

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Court Reduces Prison Sentence

Wiesbaden, Germany, March 15 (UP)—An American military government court of appeals Monday reduced to five years the 20-year sentence imposed on Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo, Malden, Mass., for the fatal shooting of her husband, Sgt. John Ybarbo, last fall.

The appeal court ruled that Mrs. Ybarbo, 23, was not subject to military government law and set aside a 20-year term imposed under such law.

The court also reduced to five years another 20-year sentence imposed on Mrs. Ybarbo simultaneously under German law.

The court decided that the fatal shooting of Ybarbo, of Gollad, Tex., was the result of a "long and intolerable course of cruelty and ill treatment by the soldier-husband."

The original military government court that tried Mrs. Ybarbo ruled that she was subject to military government law because she was the wife of a member of the occupation forces.

Machine Helps Teacher Get Right Answers

State College, Pa. (UP)—The machine age finally has invaded the classroom and will help the teacher to read a student's mind.

A new "mechanical tester," known as the classroom communicator, enables a student to flash the answer to the teacher the instant he knows it.

Developed under the sponsorship of the office of naval research, the machine provides each student with a private "response station." The device has five keys, similar to those on a piano, and the students answer the question by selecting and pressing a key.

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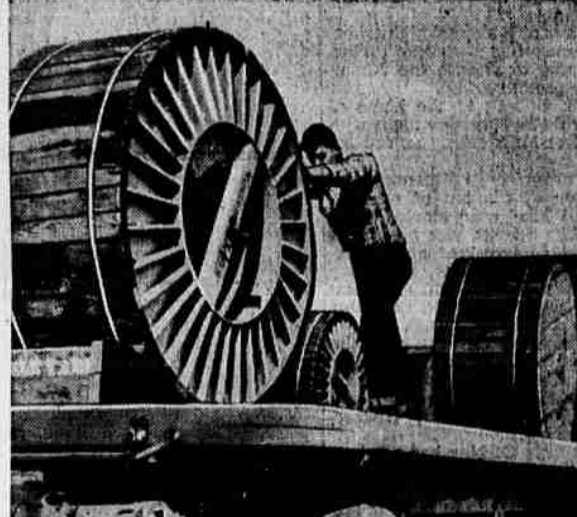
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