

PROBLEM LIKE 'MERCY KILLING'

What Right Has Doctor To Help Create Life?

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Washington, Jan. 19 (AP)—What right has a doctor to take a life? That's one of the physician's oldest legal and moral problems. What right has a doctor to help create life, that's a fairly new problem for medical men. The modern techniques of artificial insemination creates it.

Churchmen and lawyers for centuries have argued about "mercy killings," such as the one for which Dr. Herman N. Sander was recently indicted at Manchester, N. H. Now they are drawing the battle lines for the newer controversy.

Is it morally or legally right for a woman to have a baby by use of the life germ of a man who is not her husband, even though the husband consents and a doctor engineers the project? Or is it adultery?

There are now about 4000 persons in the United States who were "test tube babies." Are they legitimate? Problems involving their property rights could become enormously complex.

In criminal prosecutions or civil litigation over these issues, doctors could become involved as agents or accessories. Both medical and legal men have done a lot of thinking and worrying about the possibilities. Actually there has been very little court action regarding artificial insemination—but that very fact leaves the physician all the more in the dark as to his rights and liabilities.

Doctors who perform an artificial insemination often view it as an act of mercy or charity. A couple long frustrated in their hope for children come to him with the plea to enable the wife to have a child. It is often an act of desperation, on which all their future happiness seems to depend. They won't be satisfied to adopt a baby. They want a child that will be at least half theirs.

If the doctor agrees, he must act with extreme secrecy to protect all the parties concerned. He must choose a donor, the other man, who is youthful, healthy, intelligent, of good character and resembling the husband as much as possible. Neither the donor nor the couple must ever know the other's identity.

Usually the donor is a hospital intern who needs extra money. He is paid \$5 or \$10 for a specimen, and he often donates to one recipient repeatedly over a period of months—neither, of course, ever seeing the other. One specimen was carried 500 miles by airplane. After the baby is conceived, here are some of the complications that might arise:

Suppose the husband or wife has a change of heart. Could they charge the physician with abetting a rape or adultery? What will be the status of the child if the couple became divorced? If potential heirs later find out that the husband is not the father, can they deny the child his inheritance on the grounds of illegitimacy? Suppose the donor resorts to blackmail. Or suppose he claims that he unwittingly had been used in a medical experiment. Suppose the donor's wife objects to her husband being the father of another woman's baby? Does the child have any right to claim the donor as his legal parent? Or could the mother subsequently sue the donor for the support of the child?

To protect themselves, most doctors require that all parties concerned, husbands and wives on both sides, sign statements agreeing to the procedure and freeing the doctor of all liability. New York City requires that such records be kept. But if the names are thus recorded, there is no guarantee of perpetual secrecy. So some doctors outside of New York never require any such statements.

During World War II women in the armed forces performed 239 different types of jobs. Army classification experts now report that there are actually 406 non-combatant jobs which women can perform.



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Cons Give Skin For Burned Boy

Columbus, O., Jan. 19 (AP)—From his waist to his ankles, 11-year-old Jimmy Wallace was covered today with skin furnished him by seven inmates of Ohio penitentiary.

For two hours yesterday the Upper Sandusky boy, half of whose body was severely burned Dec. 4 in a kerosene stove explosion, lay on the operating table while physicians grafted on skin taken earlier in the day from the abdomens of the donors.

Some 448 square inches of skin—two four-by-eight inch grafts from each of the seven donors—were applied to the lad's body.

A hospital physician pronounced the operation an "assured success" and said Jimmy was resting easily and was "alert and taking nourishment well."

Civil War Vet, 107, May Marry Again

Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Michael J. Thralls, widowed twice and a Civil War veteran, says he might get married again. He is 107.

"Might get married again, all right," he said while celebrating his birthday yesterday. "If I could find a wife who'd fill my pipe and smoke with me."
Thralls, who moved here recently from Nampa, Ida., enlisted in Indiana with Union forces. He considers Abraham Lincoln the nation's greatest president.



Holder of Non-Stop Record Meets Death

Chipley, Fla., Jan. 19 (AP)—Johnny Mann, California flier who claimed a non-stop distance record for light planes last week from Van Nuys, Calif., to Jacksonville, was killed with another Californian in a plane crash near here last night. Both were from Los Angeles.

The record flight was made in connection with the All American air maneuvers at Miami which ended Sunday.

The Florida highway patrol identified the men as John Francis Mann, 45, and Robert E. Milander, about 40.

Civil Service Board Not to Change Rules

The Salem civil service commission doesn't think it will re-

Logs Wreck Apartment

Timbers from log boom which broke up during Pacific northwest storm were hurled against this 12-unit apartment at Tacoma, Wash., making it virtually uninhabitable. No one was injured. (AP Wirephoto)

Storage Shed Bids At Detroit Rejected

Colonel Donald S. Burns, Portland district engineer, has rejected all three bids for construction of a temporary drill core storage shed and a public observation building at Detroit dam on the North Santiam river.

The bids of Neuman company, Salem, \$14,419, Consolidated Builders, Inc., Mill City, \$15,500, and Century Construction company, Inc., Seattle, \$15,500, were more than 10 percent above the estimate of the Portland district, corps of engineers, \$11,380.

Colonel Burns said the work would be readvertised at a later date.

12-Unit Apartment In Zone Held Up

Plans for the construction of a 12-unit apartment house at Summer and Marion streets have been held in abeyance pending action of the long range planning commission on the proposed capitol group, Leib L. Riggs of Salem, who had planned to build the apartment, announces.

Concurrent with Riggs' announcement was an announcement from Lyle P. Bartholomew,

Douglas Fir Production Up

Portland, Jan. 19 (AP)—Douglas fir sawmills in Washington and Oregon increased production during 1949. It was the fourth straight year of rising output.

The West Coast Lumbermen's association reported yesterday that output was 9,950,000 board feet. This is about 190,000,000 above the 1948 level.

Shipments of Douglas fir, west coast hemlock, western red cedar and Sitka spruce totaled 9,868,000 board feet last year. This was also above the previous year.

House Needs New House Phone Number

Seattle, Jan. 19 (AP)—At the house of William C. House they are looking for a storm cellar—or a new telephone number.

The trouble all goes back to a radio broadcast about the new weather bureau telephone service. It seems that in a few major cities you can get a recorded weather report by dialing WE1212. It works just like the special number you dial in a city to get the time of day.

The radio broadcast explained how dialing WE (for weather) 1212 would bring the weather information. But in Seattle WE (for west) 1212 is the William C. House residence.

Truman Tax Word Held Up

Washington, Jan. 19 (AP)—President Truman said today that technical matters are holding up submission of his tax program to congress.

He told a news conference there is no controversy within the administration over the proposals but that it is taking a long time to whip them into a message for congress.

He said he would send the message to the capitol as soon as he can get it ready. In his state-of-the-union message January 5, Mr. Truman advised congress that he would ask a "moderate" increase in taxes and revision of some present levies in a later special message.

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