



Flood Covers Highway—Floodwaters follow U. S. highway 101 into Orick, Calif., where many families were forced to flee to higher ground. Hundreds of north and south bound autos were held up because of the high waters. No casualties were reported as a result of the flood. (AP photos.)

Sugar Treatment Said to Keep Some Cancer Victims Alive

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
(Associated Press Science Editor)

New York, Jan. 24 (AP)—The American Cancer society announced today a drug treatment for cancer which it said has kept a few persons comfortable and productive for four years. All had been given only a few months to live.

The treatment is a polysaccharide, a complex form of sugar, obtained from germs known as bacillus prodigiosus. The announcement was credited to Dr. Hugh J. Creech, of the Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, which has been working for four years on this cancer sugar.

"More than 130 far-advanced cancer patients have been treated," said today's announcement. "None is considered permanently cured. Most of them seemed to receive at least slight benefit."

"Between 20 and 30 per cent were helped in one or more of several ways — tumors shrank, pain disappeared, weight increased, appetite returned, more or less normal activity was resumed and there was a sense of well-being."

What this sugar treatment will lead to was not predicted, but Dr. Creech said there is enough encouragement to work on these sugars for at least 10 years.

Similar sugars were at the base of the famous Coley's fluid which years ago was said to have caused some sensational cancer cures. The fluid was abandoned when the medical profession was unable to get consistent good results.

The bacteria sugars are very poisonous. They require a big dose to kill cancer cells. They seem usually to kill cancer cells faster than healthy tissue cells.

Examples are mouse cancer, in which big doses cure 30 to 40 percent of the animals, help another third, and kill the rest.

Cheap Way to Turn Sea Water Into Fresh Water Long Way off Acting Too Much For Adopted Girl

By WILLIAM B. HATCH

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Engineers said today it may be possible to find a cheap way to transform sea water into fresh water on a big scale. But, they added, it will take a long time.

Government officials, from President Truman on down, hope the engineers are right about being able to do the job cheaply because they look to sea waters as an answer to future water shortages. In fact, Mr. Truman asked congress in his 1951 fiscal budget for \$500,000 for such research.

It long has been possible to convert sea water into drinking water. But, engineers said, the initial cost of doing it on a big scale is almost prohibitive—about \$1 a gallon.

For example, the engineers said, it would cost more than \$1,000,000,000 to build plants and pipes to handle New York City's requirements of about 920,000,000 gallons a day.

Greatly increased use of water for home, industrial and irrigation uses has underlined the necessity of finding new sources of fresh water.

Mr. Truman emphasized that point in his budget message.

And Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman wrote recently that California will have reached the limits of its normal water supply by 1975. By then, Chapman said, California will be using more than one trillion gallons of water a year for industrial and drinking purposes. He said this means that new sources of supply will have to be found.

So far, the navy has done all of the government's experimental work with sea water. It has installed distilling units on ships and on some Pacific islands.

Tax Message Hits at Movies

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Some of the top money-makers of Hollywood, Broadway and radio now will have to give the tax collector a bigger share of their earnings if President Truman's tax reforms are enacted.

The President singled out the entertainment world in his tax message as one place where the government's revenues could be improved simply by plugging up existing tax loopholes.

He suggested also that life insurance companies and oil and mining interests be made to pay more taxes.

Mr. Truman said that motion picture producers and their star performers, for example, can take "unfair advantage" of the difference between regular income taxes and capital gains tax rates by incorporating themselves temporarily. By that device, their income from making a single film is taxed at the lower capital gains rate, which might run to only one-third of their regular income tax.

A capital gain is profit resulting from sale of property. The property sold in this case is the completed movie. The capital gains tax is limited to 25 per cent, while the top bracket personal income tax is 77 per cent. Many prominent motion picture, stage and radio stars have used the incorporation device to save money on their taxes.

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Los Angeles, Jan. 24 (AP)—"I don't want to be in the movies. I want to eat whatever I want, and go out and play without worrying whether I get my knees scratched."

So says pert, nine-year-old Lora Lee Michel, in explaining to a reporter some of the tribulations of being a film actress.

She made the statement yesterday after a closed court custody hearing which was continued until Feb. 8.

Lora Lee claims she was punished when she didn't stay on a diet, contending she was beaten when she ate too much and gained weight.

As a result, Mrs. Lorraine Michel, 55, was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with child mistreatment. She is free on \$1000 bail pending her trial Feb. 7. Mrs. Michel says that she and her husband, Otto, a cotton buyer,

adopted the girl in Schulerberg, Tex., in 1945.

At the juvenile court hearing, Mrs. Michel said Lora Lee has an "uncontrollable appetite," but denied she beat the child to keep her weight down for movie parts.

Actress Wanda Hendrix and her husband, Actor Audie Murphy, were among the witnesses at the hearing. For a time Murphy acted as the youngster's business agent in pictures. The girl has appeared in several films, including "Mighty Joe Young" and "Good Sam."

Since Mrs. Michel's arrest, Lora Lee has been cared for by the Rev. Elford Sundstrom, pastor of Burbank's United Brethren church.

U. S. Chamber to Fight CVA Proposal

Seattle, Jan. 24 (AP)—Declaring that the present Pacific northwest development program has brought greater gains than the

TVA brought the Tennessee Valley, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce called Saturday for a nationwide campaign against a Columbia Valley Administration.

The chamber charged in a special issue of its publication, Governmental Affairs, that the CVA move is a step in a campaign for a chain of "authorities" in nine great river valleys.

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2. **THE PRODUCT** was the suggestion of Chuck's old friend Len Neufeld. He had an idea for a better windshield washer. Chuck was enthusiastic, and so every night after work, they labored to perfect the washer. It took them four months. Then they went to a company known to be friendly to small businesses—Ford.



3. **THE CUSTOMER** wasn't tough. Like every manufacturer or supplier who calls on Ford, Chuck and Len were seen immediately, listened to attentively. What's more, Harold Kohlmeier and Gil Meyer of the Purchasing Department, liked their device. Ford would be interested in it if it got Engineering O.K.



4. **THE TESTS** were tough. For months Jack Taylor, Ford Engineer, subjected the new washer to every possible test. Ford engineers suggested a new nozzle and pump. These were designed and installed. In March, 1948, Ford Engineering approved the "See-Clear" Washer. Immediately, Ford Purchasing ordered 10,000.



5. **"HELP WANTED"** sign went up fast. "The Delman Corporation" rented factory space, hired 12 employees (mostly ex-G.I.'s), learned what Ford teamwork means. Ford Engineers helped them plan manufacturing operations. Ford Purchasing helped get machinery, materials. Soon The Delman Corporation was a going concern.

Teamwork with 7,200 independent businesses makes Ford's business possible—and vice versa

HENRY FORD II, President of Ford Motor Company, recently said, "One of our greatest assets can be a large group of supplying organizations that is alert, progressive and money-making."

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Ford is a big customer, and a good one, too. Certainly Ford is cost conscious. You have to be when a difference of 1¢ on a part makes a difference of \$10,000 a year. However, Ford pays fair prices. Ford wants its suppliers to be profitable businesses and is always ready to help them improve operations. Ford facilities and experience—purchasing, engineering, manufacturing and management—are available to all suppliers to help make their businesses better.

After all, Ford Motor Company is not just a collection of buildings and machines. It is an organization which enables many men to work together to create products they could not create alone. Essentially, Ford itself is organized cooperation. Ford has found it good—good business and good citizenship—to extend that cooperation to the suppliers whose products are so vital to its operation. The prosperity of these suppliers and that of their hundreds of thousands of employees is equally important—to Ford and to the nation.

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6. **MANAGEMENT MEETING** today finds the company growing. It has 30 employees, makes 150,000 washers a year for Ford, has other customers, and is developing new products. President Neufeld works on these; Vice President Bachrach works on sales, and Tyty takes care of Chuck's home and baby girl. The Delman Corporation, of Des Moines, Iowa, is doing all right as one of Ford's 7,200 independent suppliers. It's part of the Ford idea of good business . . . making the best possible products at the lowest possible cost.



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