

Science at Work

Red Cross Increasing Supply of Blood for Medical Use—Many Lives Saved by Its Distribution

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New York (U.P.)—The national blood program of the American Red Cross is just two years old, yet already blood is being supplied to 1,550 hospitals in 35 states.

In all, more than 500,000 pints of blood for medical use have been provided through 30 regional programs in operation since the first center was established at Rochester, N. Y., on Jan. 12, 1948.

A spokesman for the program explained that blood supplied through the Red Cross is taken from voluntary donors, tested as to medical safety, typed as to blood group and Rh factor, and

provided to hospitals and physicians without charge.

Blood Saves Many Lives

The use of blood is dramatic. One use is for transfusions, to under-par patients who are about to undergo surgery and need a complete blood-exchange operation for babies suffering from erythroblastosis, a serious blood impairment caused by the incompatible Rh blood factors of their parents.

In many other cases, mothers suffering childbirth hemorrhages receive blood from the Red Cross centers. Chronic anemias and suffer from leukemia have had their lives extended.

In addition to whole blood distributed, large quantities of valuable blood components, or derivatives, have been made available.

Immune Serum Globulin
One of the derivatives is immune serum globulin, which can be used either as an immunizing agent or modifying agent in measles.

Physicians point out that use of the serum usually prevents complications which leave permanent impairment, such as heart damage, deafness and encephalitis, commonly known as sleeping sickness.

The Red Cross said that during the 1948-49 fiscal year about 700,000 units of immune serum globulin were distributed through state health departments.

"While the regional blood centers have not yet reached the point where the whole nation is served," a spokesman said, "the country generally is reaping vast benefits from these derivatives, which have been processed from surplus plasma returned by the armed forces at the end of the war."

It was pointed out that the surplus is now running low and that new regional blood centers will be established during this year.

Amateurs To Appear On Contest Monday

Details of the amateur contest which will be conducted here this week were announced Saturday by radio station KYJC. Any Rogue valley amateur entertainer is welcome to enter the auditions.

The contest is being sponsored by the station in connection with the Oregon appearance next month of the "Original Amateur Hour," started 14 years ago by the late Major Bowes. In a broadcast from Portland March 26, the Medford winner will have an opportunity to compete with other amateurs from all over the state.

The audition will be held Monday at 4:30 p. m. at the Craterian theater. It is important for contestants to be there at the time set, together with accompaniment, music and whatever else is necessary to give their act when called.

Will Select
Twelve of the contestants Monday will be selected by a panel of three judges to appear on two KYJC broadcasts, which will select the six best of the 12. The grand prize winner from this

Norman Thomas Plans No Presidential Race

Seattle, Mar. 4.—(U.P.)—Norman Thomas, persistent socialist party candidate for president, says he will not run for office in the 1952 elections.

Thomas, appearing in a three-way debate on the proposed Columbia v. I. E. administration, said he doubted that his party would put up a national ticket for the presidential race.

Your Health and Its Care

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Some One Is Stupid
I am interested in your pamphlet "IT IS STUPID TO SUFFER FROM PILES." My doctor claims the ambulant or injection treatment might interfere with an operation for piles when the operation becomes necessary.

Answer—It seems to be the main objection some operators have—the ambulant or injection treatment makes the old Spanish treatment unnecessary. Your doctor seems as stupid as his patient is about it. Readers who want the pamphlet may have it on written request (no clipping please) if they provide stamped self-addressed envelope.

Lime Water
Will lime water help cure or retard rheumatism? How about egg-shells?

Answer—Lime water contains less lime (calcium) than milk. Egg-shells are practically pure calcium carbonate—baked in the oven and powdered they may serve the same purpose as calcium carbonate—antacid. For the rheumatism you need much more lime than you could get in egg-shell or lime-water. Send stamped self-addressed envelope and ask for pamphlet "CALCIUM AND RHEUMATISM." To insure utilization of calcium or lime you need an optimal daily ration of vitamin D—or optimal exposure of body to sunshine or skyshine so you can manufacture your own vitamin D. (Copyright 1950 by John F. Dille Co.)

First, about the rolls, my use of laxatives or other "aids" has been nil since I began somersaulting. However, at the same time I started eating plain wheat, balancing my diet after the basic health diet outlined in "The 7 Keys to Vite," walking to the mailbox 11/2 miles daily, belly breathing, lying on my back and peddling—this for my swollen ankles—and everything else you have told us to do. So I'll be blessed if I know whether it is the rolls, but I believe it is.

When I started I would be sick as the dickens. So I stopped. Then I thought I probably needed it more than as if I didn't get dizzy. So I took myself in hand and rolled somersaults in spite of hell and high water. I decided that if people 70 and older could do it, then, by golly, I at 50 could. After a few trials I was O.K. Now I can do any number and come up on my feet perfectly steady, although I had been somewhat unsteady just walking, mincing along, watching every step.

Now I wish you could see me stepping out and down the steps, bifocals and all, head up, chin in, legs swinging easily from the hips, crowning of my head touching an imaginary high ceiling. It's a beautiful world!

My husband says to tell you thanks a million, for you have given him back the young woman he married 25 years ago.

(Signed) Mrs. [Name]

The trouble one wearing bifocals has going down stairs will not occur if he or she wears glasses that have a quarter inch or so of the distant vision lens under the near vision lens at the lower edge.

A good many persons even only 35 or 40 years old go all dizzy and sick the first few times they try to turn somersaults. As I explain in the invitation to the Somersaultauqua (copy on written request if you provide self-addressed stamped envelope), seeing stars, feeling dizzy and upsetting the stomach upon your maiden efforts to get the hang of it, all go to show how badly you need daily rolls. Don't let it stop you. Have another go at it that same night or morning. Each successive trial will disturb you less and less and in a week or two you'll be rolling 'em just for the fun of it.

Remember, though, I'm not fooling. I believe in somersaults, roll a dozen myself every day, recommend them for every one who is not decrepit—and get this clearly—I do not advise any one to roll somersaults. I merely tell you I roll 'em myself, and here is how. If you want to try 'em you do so at your own peril.

Notice that no mention was made of the iodine ration or the daily intake of minerals and vitamins. If the lady has lived for years in the Midwest, she would probably enjoy greater vite by reason of a suitable daily or semi-weekly ration of iodine in one form or another. But that, like other important minerals and the three most essential vitamins, is fully explained in the booklet "The 7 Keys to Vite," available on written request if you inclose twenty-five cents and stamped self-addressed envelope.

Vite (rhymes with kite) is a coined word. It means

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By FRANK JENKINS

Federal Judge Keech finds the United Mine Workers NOT GUILTY of contempt of court in refusing to obey a federal court injunction to end their strike and go back to work.

Looking at the situation from all of its angles, I'm inclined to regard that as a wholesome decision.

LET'S look at it this way:

If you can drive men to work with an injunction (whose enforcement weapon is the charge of contempt of court) you can drive them to work with a bull whip.

Whenever men can be driven to work with EITHER AN INJUNCTION OR A BULL WHIP liberty will be dead.

Trying to stop strikes with injunctions is like trying to cure stomach ulcers with a mustard plaster on the chest. The pain will temporarily take your mind off the pain in your stomach, but it won't cure the ulcer.

To cure the ulcer, you'll have to get at the CAUSE OF IT. The same is true of strikes in key industries, such as coal.

WHAT is the cause?

Well, here is my notion of it: Big, disastrous strikes, like the coal strike, that hurt everybody, come about because of too much power in too few hands. We had such strikes when employers held too much power. We still have them now that labor has too much power.

We'll continue to have them as long as power remains unequally distributed.

YOU want examples? Here is one:

Monopoly among employers is forbidden by law. Labor unions are EXEMPTED from the operations of this law. Thus they are given the power to close down an entire industry, such as coal. Coal is a basic industry. Other industries, such as steel, depend upon it for their existence.

Steel also is a basic industry. Other industries depend upon it. Transportation leans heavily on coal and steel. Coal also is needed to keep people warm.

Because of these facts, and they are facts, a coal strike can paralyze our whole economy. The power to paralyze our economy is TOO MUCH power to place in the hands of the miners union and its officials.

BUT we can't cure these evils by driving men to work under the whip of an injunction. If we're seeking a CURE, we must get back to the cause. The cause, it seems to me, is too much power in too few hands—such as giving MONOPOLY POWER to unions while denying it to others.

WHILE we're at it, let's do some realistic reasoning about the right to strike.

The right to strike is a fundamental right. But, like other fundamental rights, IT MUST BE EXERCISED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
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Hollywood, Mar. 4.—(U.P.)—Diana Lynn, who says she isn't the type for "em anyhow, came

up today with facts she guarantees will prove there's nothing sexy about a plunging neckline.

"I took a poll," the willowy young star said. "I asked all the men I could find at the studio if they'd let their wives wear one. They all said they wouldn't."

"Dean Martin told me he makes his wife take hers off whenever she tries to wear one anyplace."

"Prop men, electricians, assistant directors—they all said they didn't like to see their wives in necklines cut down to the belt."

How did they feel about peek-a-boos given to other gals?

Freedom of speech is a fundamental right. We newspaper people feel as deeply about the right of freedom of speech as the union people feel about the right to strike. But we concede that the right of freedom of speech must be exercised within the limits of the rights of other people. In our use of it, we mustn't trample upon the rights of others.

The same holds true in the case of the right to strike.

IN Washington, after Judge Keech's decision, there is much muttering in the politicians' beads about SEIZING THE COAL INDUSTRY.

That is another mustard plaster. It would take our minds temporarily off the coal strike pain, but the ulcer in the stomach would continue. Seizing the coal mines could be the first act of SOCIALISM in America. Stomach ulcers, if neglected, can KILL. Socialism can kill our American way of life.

We'd better get back to fundamentals, such as finding the causes of our troubles and removing them, instead of muddling along with mustard plasters. Judge Keech's revolutionary decision points that fact out for us with startling clearness.

"I didn't ask about that," Miss Lynn admitted.

But it has long been her contention, she said, that a girl can go a lot further if she covers herself up a little.

"Look at Marlene Dietrich," she said. "Do you know anybody sexier than she is? And have you ever seen her in a deep, plunging neckline?"

They're Not Bare
"Sure, I admit she concentrates on her legs. But you don't see them bare. She covers them up with black mesh stockings—and the effect is sensational."

Miss Lynn said they poured her into a low neckline once—just once.

"They climbed up on a chair and they aimed a camera down my neck," she added. "It was a most unattractively shocking picture. My mother almost threw me out of the house."

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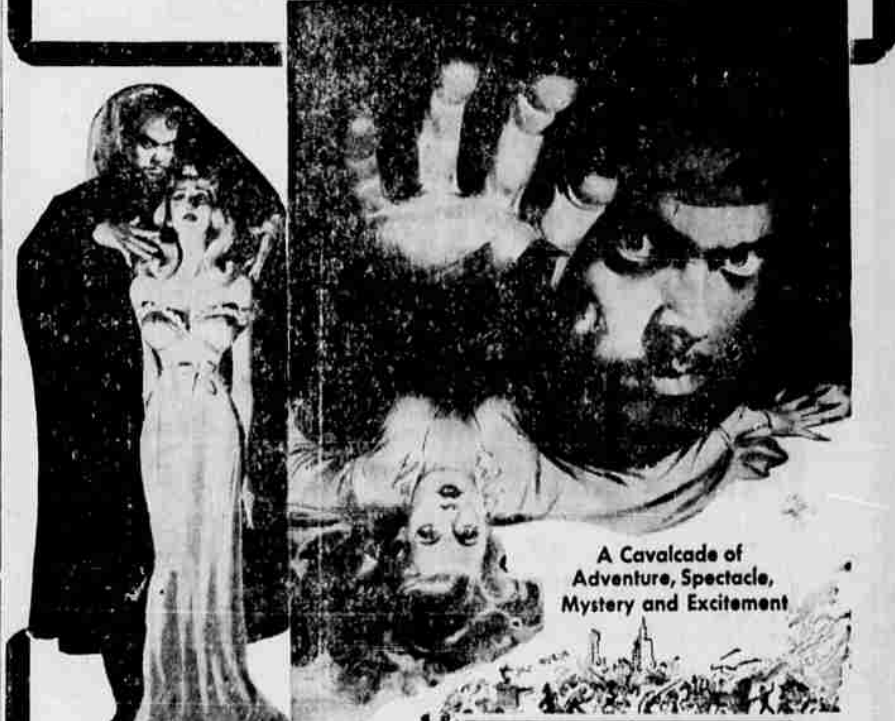
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