

Chinese Communists Reported Training, Arming Viet Minh Rebel Movement

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 Lao Kay, French Indo-China, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—French officers said today the Chinese communists across the border are training and arming the Viet Minh rebel movement in this country.

They said "several" Chinese army men have been killed and captured while fighting on the Viet Minh side deep inside Indo-China. French border forts, they reported, have been shelled from the Chinese side.

The French said Viet Minh troops repeatedly have escaped into China when pursued up to the border, and sometimes are transferred through Chinese territory to a different Indo-Chinese fighting zone.

Doing Guard Duty
 I watched a man with a rifle, dressed in the Viet Minh uniform, doing guard duty yesterday at the Chinese border village of He Kou, just across the Namsi river. He was plainly visible through my binoculars.

A strong French patrol just returned after 12 days of border operations said two Viet Minh prisoners admitted they crossed over from China where they had been given refuge and help by the communists. The prisoners told the French that "many" Chinese came along with them when they recrossed the border to attack French garrisons.

The French commander at Baxat, a border fort 15 miles north of Lao Kay, said 300 rebels attacked his fort from Chinese villages. Intelligence officers said an entire rebel battalion had been transferred from

the central Taonkin front to the western sector, 150 miles away, through Yunnan province in China.

Ultimatum Sent
 Two weeks ago Chinese communists sent an ultimatum to the French garrison at Mamei, 40 miles east of here, saying, "Leave or we attack." The French did not answer and the Chinese failed to attack.

French officers said Chinese communists were smuggling large quantities of captured nationalist arms and equipment into Viet Minh. One recent shipment was estimated to include 30,000 rifles. Most of them, a French captain said, were "better than ours."

The French said the rebels for the first time are using medium artillery which "certainly was imported from China."

In the two heaviest attacks ever made against the French forts at Phelu and Nhaiade last month, dead Chinese were found among the bodies of the Viet Minh attackers.

Officially Neutral
 The Chinese officially are neutral in the Indo-China war. But Emile Cazimajour, Lao Kay district commissioner, said they actually are encouraging the rebels to join up with Viet Minh.

Dozens of captured Viet Minh leaflets were shown me, all telling of "direct help" the Chinese are giving Viet Minh.

The French said the difficulty of patrolling hundreds of miles of the mountainous frontier, with the limited troops at their disposal, is increased by the fact that the rebels have the whole China border as an escape route.

New-Found Serum Converts Drunkards

Paris, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—A young French medical doctor claimed today that he had converted 12 confirmed drunkards into teetotalers with single injections of a newly discovered serum.

The doctor, Jean Gamard, 36, said he believes he can cure thousands more with the same treatment.

Gamard said it took four and one-half years of research on animals before he developed the serum. His inspiration came from the sight of railroad workers spending their pay buying red wine, he said.

"Their wives and children suffered and so did they," the doctor said.

Gamard has refused to treat hundreds of patients who telephone, write or stagger to his home in Villeneuve-St. Georges, a suburb of Paris.

"I now want to test my discovery thoroughly in hospitals and laboratories before giving any more injections," he said. "I am a country doctor, not a research scientist."

Public health officials have described his results as "astonishing" and are investigating the possibilities of conducting controlled research on the serum.

Husband Uncertain For Sharman Douglas

London, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—Blonde Sharman Douglas, daughter of U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas, doesn't care a hoot whether she marries an American or a Briton.

Anyway, she isn't thinking of marrying anybody for a long time, and she has no idea who he will be.

The 21-year-old Miss Douglas gave those answers today to questions which have titillated British and American society for three years.

She didn't say whether her answers would be news to Peter Lawford, Hollywood actor who sent her winging away from a New York airport for London recently with a "just friends" farewell kiss.

Her name has been linked romantically with those of half a dozen noblemen since she came to London three years ago. Lawford's was the latest name on the list, added during her recent visit to the United States.

Natural Miracles To Be Shown Here In Religious Film

Miracles of nature, including fish that lay eggs on dry land, radar in a bat's nose, the human eye and heart and the homing pigeon's unerring instinct, will be portrayed in a 40-minute natural color motion picture to be shown by churches in Central Point on Wednesday, March 29, and in Medford on Thursday, March 30.

Produced by the west coast studios of the Moody Bible Institute, the film, "Dust or Destiny," is the fourth in a series of scientific pictures with religious emphasis.

Showing Times
 The Central Point showing will be at the Community Bible church at 7:45 p.m. In Medford the presentation is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Both showings are open to the public. Medford Ministerial association is sponsor here with 14 churches cooperating.

The fish that lay eggs on dry land are the grunion, members of the small family. Lapsed-time photomicrography in the film shows the development of the grunion egg from the time laid until it hatches.

Giant Helicopter Ready For Ground Test

Culver City, Cal., Mar. 28—(U.P.)—A giant helicopter built by Howard Hughes was wheeled out of its hangar here today for ground tests.

Hughes, who also built the world's largest flying boat, disclosed he had made the world's largest helicopter as he prepared it for its first public appearance.

Dubbed the XH-17, it had a 136-foot rotor powered by two General Electric J-35 turbo-jet engines, with exhaust nozzles leading to the rotor tips. Engineers said it was capable of lifting tanks or heavy artillery and moving them around.

The craft first was designed by the Kellett company of Philadelphia. Hughes bought the rights to it in the fall of 1948 for a reported \$150,000.

April 2, at the Shady Cove school to discuss the feasibility of organizing a teen-age club.

If the group determines that the project can be undertaken, a general meeting of teen-agers and others interested will be called, it was stated. The first meeting is not public.

Longer Life Free of Ills Seen By Medical Science

By Paul F. Ellis
 United Press Science Editor
 New York, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—Medical science is on the frontier of a new era from which may come a cure for many of the disabling, crippling and aging diseases of the human being.

The scientists believe that this new era may lead to opportunities to give man a longer life, free of destructive ills.

For the first time in history the medical scientists have their fingers on knowledge that may lead them to the basic cause of disease.

The knowledge comes from experimental work with two chemical substances. One is known as acth. The other is cortisone. They are powerful hormones, substances that the human body apparently needs in proper amounts to keep the human machine in perfect running order.

The doctors emphasize that neither acth nor cortisone is available to the public as yet. The supply is so scarce that it is being used exclusively for research while scientists seek ways to increase production.

Acth is short for adrenocorticotrophin. A hormone that stimulates the adrenal glands. Cortisone is short for 17-hydroxy-11-dehydrocorticosterone. A hormone manufactured by the adrenal glands.

Right now both hormones are doing things for medicine that even the most optimistic scientist wouldn't have dared predict only a few years ago. Supplies of acth are being made from the pituitary glands of hogs. Supplies of cortisone are being produced from ox bile. They are probably the most precious substances in the world.

There is a battle royal going on among research scientists for quantities of the substances to try on human ills. Work is going on in at least 100 laboratories. And trials on human beings are being made in at least 100 hospitals and institutions.

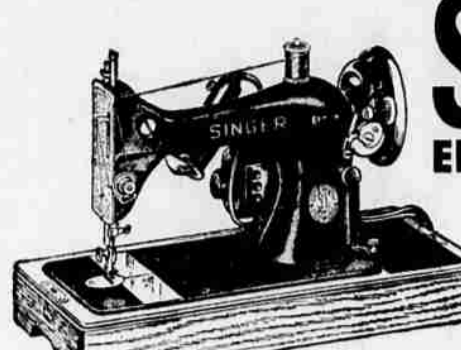
So far, the hormones have been used in experimental treatment of more than 50 different types of disease in man. The diseases include cancer, arthritis, rheumatic fever, high blood pressure, asthma, tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, multiple sclerosis, some allergies, alcoholism and

mental disturbances.

In some cases the results have been "sensational." In others the investigators are not sure. There have been some failures.

WEATHER
 By United Press
 Northern California—Fair today and tonight. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday. Fort Bragg and Red Bluff north and probably fair elsewhere. Slightly warmer afterwards. Local morning frosts. West to north-west winds off coast 10-20 m.p.h.

OLD EPH WAS SMART
 Maynard, Mass. (U.P.)—One of the shrewdest Yankee traders in history once lived in this town. Local historians say that when canny Ephraim Pratt was 94 years old he talked a Maynard farmer into boarding him for the rest of his life for a flat fee of \$120. Ephraim lived to the age of 116.



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Shady Cove To Study Teen-Age Club Plan

Shady Cove, Mar. 28—Two representatives each from about 15 churches and clubs in Shady Cove and adjacent areas will meet with a Medford YMCA official at 7:30 p.m. Sunday,

Technical Problems Face Use of Atomic Engines In Planes

Washington, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—Qualified officials indicated today that many baffling technical problems remain to be solved before atomic engines can be used in aircraft.

The atomic energy commission, the air force and the national advisory committee for aeronautics are cooperating in an intensive research program on atom-powered planes. But none are willing to predict success in the early future.

While details of research are top-secret, it is known that the two biggest difficulties are:

Shield Needed
 1. Developing a light-weight weight shield to protect aircraft crews from the deadly radiations of atomic engines. This problem will be attacked when the AEC completes its materials testing reactor due for construction near Arco, Idaho, next year.

2. Finding some way to convert the heat generated in the atomic engine to propulsive power, without the need for cumbersome steam boilers hardly suitable for aircraft.

Some surprise was expressed here at a speech in Cleveland last week by Andrew Kalitinsky, an engineer attached to Oak Ridge, Tenn., by Fairchild Aircraft Corp. under an air force contract. Kalitinsky is assigned to the "Nepa" project—nuclear energy for propulsion of aircraft.

Test Date Set
 Kalitinsky said a date has been set for test-flying an atom-powered plane capable of circling the globe at supersonic speeds. He did not indicate when the date is.

The atomic energy commission declined to comment on the speech, but officials called attention to a recent Los Angeles address by Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad, the AEC director of reactor development, and leading authority on atomic engines.

Hafstad said that "developing any kind of an aircraft reactor will be extremely difficult" and intimated that it is too early to tell when it will be feasible—if ever.

To Continue Research
 Government policy, he said, is to continue intensive research for the next two or three years, by which time it might be hoped that data might become available to permit a re-evaluation and a more decisive conclusion.

Hafstad also remarked that "the pessimists, in general, are those best informed" about the progress of aircraft reactor research.

"The optimists either are not yet aware of the very real immediate difficulties, or they are betting heavily on new ideas and new developments arising during the course of the work," he said.

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