



BLOSSOMLAND—From San Francisco's Golden Gate Park into Josephine County, Oregon, Redwood Empire is ablaze with rhododendron and other Spring flowers. Pretty Carole Nielsen is pictured in a typical roadside setting in Mendocino County as Fort Bragg completes plans for its annual Rhododendron Festival May 28-30 in MacKerricher Park.

Rhododendron Show Due at Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg, Calif. — One of nature's most colorful wildflower displays was nearing peak beauty today as Fort Bragg prepared for its annual Rhododendron festival May 28-30.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the festival will open a three-day rhododendron, art and flower show, starting May 28, in the Fort Bragg Grammar school auditorium.

In addition to rhododendrons, displays will include flowers and shrubs grown in and around Fort Bragg, oil painting, water colors, weaving, ceramics, wood and leather carving, copper hammering and jewelry.

MacKerricher State park, near Fort Bragg, will be the scene of an outdoor celebration on May 29. The program will include band music, crowning of the festival queen, folk dancing and singing.

A Memorial Day program, sponsored by veterans organizations, will be held May 30.

Religious Demands Concern Delegates

Guatemala City, Guatemala. — Delegates to the National Constituent assembly were concerned today by the demand of the head of the Roman Catholic church in Guatemala that the catholic religion be granted priority in the new constitution.

Archbishop Mariano Rosell protested in a letter to the assembly that a proposed article in the Constitution providing for lay education was "discriminatory" because 99 per cent of all Guatemalans are Roman Catholics.

Some delegates said the letter created a "very grave" problem because a majority of the people follow the dictates of the prelate.

Siamese Girls Die; Autopsy Scheduled

Detroit. — (U.P.) — An autopsy will be performed today to determine the cause of death of Siamese twin girls less than 34 hours after their birth.

The twins, joined by a six-inch strip of flesh from the upper part of the breast bone to the abdomen, were born to Mrs. Richard Herring, 27, by Caesarian section Sunday.

They died while physicians sought to determine how many organs they shared. Doctors said they were fairly certain the twins had separate stomachs but were unable to determine whether they shared the same heart, lungs and liver.

Dr. Glen Hause, pediatrician in charge, said it was possible that their death resulted from lack of oxygen supplied by a shared set of lungs.

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Small Doses of DDT Given Dogs, Rats To Learn Harmful Effect

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York. — (U.P.) — If the burning question of what tiny amounts of DDT and related insecticides are doing to human beings can be answered by what tiny amounts do to dogs and rats, the answer is that they seem to do nothing in particular.

There is no argument about what large amounts will do to human beings, rats, dogs, or any animal. Large amounts are quickly fatal. The argument in science is how large must the tiny amount be before the accumulation of many tiny amounts begins to harm people.

Drs. Joseph F. Treon and Frank P. Cleveland of the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, fed the extremely poisonous chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides, of which DDT is one, to rats for two years. That is most of the life span of the rat. Each meal the rats had during that time contained 25 parts per million of DDT or a relative.

Dogs More Sensitive
In theory that's a poisonous level even for human beings if it is consumed day in and day out for a long time. But Treon and Cleveland reported in a

technical journal of the American Chemical Society, that the lives of their rats were not shortened by this diet, that their growth rates were not affected, but the weights of their livers in relation to total body weights "were somewhat on the high side."

The dogs were much more sensitive. The chlorinated hydrocarbons in ratios of 10 to 50 parts per million "induced fatalities after periods of feeding ranging from several days to several months, they said."

When the poisonous parts per million were reduced to three or fewer, the dogs seemed unaffected over prolonged periods except that the insecticide, Dieldrin, at 2.5 parts per million, seemed to reduce the number of pregnancies of any given female, but without reducing litter size.

Humans Involved
However, accumulative effects were indicated in the livers of both rats and dogs. In the rats there were degenerative changes in the cells which the scientists called "minor" and, from the cellular viewpoint, "non-specific." In the dogs, prolonged dosages of Dieldrin seemed to enlarge their livers but DDT and Lindane didn't.

All this is of sharp personal interest to human beings because the chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides are in such widespread use that practically all of us are bound to get a whiff from time to time, if only in the form of residue on fruits and vegetables.

The residues are tinier than tiny. They can't even approach one part per million. But chlorinated hydrocarbons do accumulate in body fats, especially the liver—there isn't much scientific argument on that. But some medical scientists maintain that the accumulations must eventually add up to impaired health and even to premature death.

Communists Reject American Protest

Tokyo. — (U.P.) — The Communists have rejected an American protest of an attack on U.S. planes off North Korea last week, Radio Pyongyang reported today.

The broadcast by the official voice of the North Korean regime labeled the protest a "distortion of fact." It said the Red Chinese MIG15 jets did not start the air battle, but were attacked by American planes.

Maj. Gen. Li Feng Cho, chief Communist delegate on the Korean military armistice commission, sent the protest to the United Nations delegation Monday, the broadcast said.

The U. S. Air Force reported that two MIGs were shot down and two probably destroyed in the dogfight May 10 between eight F86 Sabrejets and from 12 to 16 MIGs over international waters.

The Reds claimed one Sabrejet was destroyed and two others damaged in a battle started by the Americans when they intruded over Communist Chinese territory.

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