

Promiscuous Use of Drugs for High Blood Pressure Attacked

By DELOS SMITH
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 New York — (U.P.) — Drugs are being used too promiscuously for high blood pressure, according to Dr. Francis D. Murphy, professor of medicine at Marquette university. He reminded doctors that "many hypersensitive patients require little or no treatment and live satisfactorily for many years."
 Doctors have "forgotten" that, he said, they have "half forgotten" that there are other methods of dealing with high blood pressure besides drugs, he added, and continued:
 "The failure of physicians to take adequate time to discuss fully the significance of the individual's problems, the decreasing emphasis placed on the patient's habits, and the diminishing role of the diet in the control of hypertension are to be deplored."
Middle Course Needed
 "Some physicians have become so drug-conscious that every patient with any degree or type of high blood pressure receives so-called 'benefits' of hypotensive

drugs, but in some instances instead of being beneficial the results are detrimental. The ecstasy with which these drugs are reported, sold and used requires considerable modification."
 But he underscored that he was no advocate of a "do-nothing policy" he felt "there must be a middle course between the extremes of the old and the excesses of the new." His remarks are in the technical journal "Post-graduate Medicine" and this reporter volunteers the comment that self-criticism is a common and reassuring occurrence inside medical science.
 Doctors can't come to unanimous agreement as to the nature of most hypertension because its cause is unknown. And "since the cause is not known," it can't be treated rationally by removing the cause, he said. There now is a "tendency to consider all high blood pressure as equally significant." Yet in many cases a relatively high blood pressure "may be compatible with good health, vigorous life and old age."

But he thought it wise to "attempt to control excessive hypertension when it exists." The attempt can begin with "an inquiry into the patient's mode of living, daily habits and diet. These measures may prove beneficial, especially if performed in conjunction with a careful, sympathetic understanding of the patient's troubles. Many times a blood pressure falls to normal after some emotional factor is removed."
 He was not at all against the high blood pressure drugs. Indeed, he and his associate, Dr. Earl C. Schulz, had found them to be effective in many cases, but with "side effects." He certainly wasn't suggesting that they shouldn't be used, he said, but he was recommending "caution" and suggesting that they be used only after careful attention to the patient's diet and his "mode of living and habit."



SHE DIDN'T SAY NO—Mrs. Gladys Irene Owens is getting plenty of calls in the Washington office of Rep. James Roosevelt, California Democrat, after the congressman said he would marry her when his divorce from Romelle Roosevelt becomes final next month and later denied it. Mrs. Owens had no comment.

19 Killed as Bus Goes Over High Bank

Bolzano, Italy — (U.P.) — Police said today faulty brakes and steering mechanism apparently caused a bus to go out of control here Tuesday night and plunge down an embankment with 46 persons.
 Nineteen persons were killed and 15 others hospitalized, some in such critical condition they were not expected to live.
 The bus was traveling down a steep mountain road carrying Austrian tourists from Venice to Austria. It suddenly lurched onto the shoulder and then plunged over a 50-foot embankment into

a mountain stream.
 Three children were among the passengers but none were killed.
OPERATION TO CHANGE SEX
 Hollywood — (U.P.) — Ray Bourbon, a female impersonator in show business, has undergone an operation to change his sex, his agent, Jerry Riley, said Tuesday. Riley said that Bourbon, 60, underwent the operation in Juarez, Mex., last Sept. and is now taking post-operative treatments in El Paso, Tex.

FIRE PUT OUT—FINALLY

London — (U.P.) — Weary firemen finally put out a deep air raid shelter fire Tuesday night, battling the blaze for 24 hours. Thirty-six firemen were injured. The fire burned in a maze of tunnels 150 feet under downtown London which had been used as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's signal headquarters during World War II.

BACK DOWN ON EMBARGO

Winston-Salem, N.C. — (U.P.) — The North Carolina Merchants association Tuesday backed down on a resolution to slap a statewide embargo on Japanese textile imports. The embargo move passed but the association rescinded its action and passed a milder resolution calling for a federal study of possible limitations on the Japanese textile imports.

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I wish to take this opportunity to extend to my friends and supporters my sincere gratitude for their assistance during the recent primary election. Your friendliness and counsel during the campaign meant much to me.

(Mrs.) Anna R. Scott

A Nichol's Worth of... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
 United Press Feature Writer
 Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:
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 Las Vegas yelled back: Hall—heck, if you want more room, we'll build a new hall. Most likely that could happen.
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Another Tennessee Ernie is budding up over there in Korea. He is Pvt. Ula M. Rednour, with the 24th Infantry Division.
 The Whitesburg, Tenn. kid was hurting for country music. So he made himself a fiddle—out of a two-by-four, and an orange crate. The Pentagon reports that the young man imported a factory-made bow, but reports that "I had to rebuild her."
 The fiddle, he says, plays right good.
 The Air Force Times would like you to know that four of the Army's top West Point graduates this year are going into the Air Force.
 Rep. Harold S. Ostertag, a New York Republican, cites the quiet accomplishments of the Food and Drug administration over the past 50 years in a newsletter to constituents.
 Like making sure pesticides in fruits kill bugs but not people. And the public doesn't get fooled by worthless "magic elixirs."
 Sometimes, Ostertag says, "the most important government wheels make the least noise."
 Here's the weekly "Kerr Kernal" of Sen. Bob Kerr, Oklahoma Democrat: "A know-it-all is someone who has a lot to learn."

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
 United Press Correspondent
 Hollywood — (U.P.) — Anyone wishing a tour of Hollywood bedrooms now can know that Zsa Zsa Garbor's is very French, Jennifer Jones's is very American, and Doris Duke's is very Spanish.
 Jennifer Jones' bedroom is done in "carnation colors" because a house to the woman in it. Her bedroom has white damask walls with drapes and furniture in pink, red and lavender. There also is a refrigerator for husband David Selznick, who likes snacks late at night.
 For Agnes Moorehead Tony designed a bedroom in shades of lavender to complement her red hair—amethyst walls, white bed, pink taffeta drapes, "completely for an actress."
 Zsa Zsa's boudoir also suits her personality: 18th Century French for a woman born to attract men. Her large bed is upholstered in rose-covered chintz. The rest of the room is in white, including a statue.
SUPPORT FOR CATS
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 The library of the Italian-

style house has walls covered with pale purple silk, huge blue silk sofas and gold cloth. Tony installed an old Spanish coat-of-arms on the terrace and antique doors from an Italian place in the dining room. The living room features gold silk drapes and a Spanish pirate chest made into a bar.
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